

Southern Star Bermudagrass

STRENGTHS:

- A new leap in quality – rivaling the vegetative hybrids
- Attractive rich dark green color
- Fine leaf texture – a vast improvement over earlier seeded types
- Rapid establishment – faster and cheaper than sprigging!



TURF QUALITY ASSESSMENT:

Southern Star was entered in the 1997 bermudagrass National Turfgrass Evaluation Program trial and is being grown at many sites across the US. First results of the NTEP will be available in 1999. **Southern Star** has been tested in Jacklin trials at Poolesville, MD, and has been one of the best performing bermudagrasses at this location.

IMPROVED ATTRIBUTES:

Southern Star offers many improvements, including better quality, density, texture, greenup, and seed yield. In our 1994 Maryland turf trial, **Southern Star** had excellent performance, better than Jackpot, Yuma, Numex-Sahara, Sonesta, C-2, Arizona common, Cheyenne, Guymon, and SunDevil. **Southern Star**'s leaf texture surpassed Yuma, Numex-Sahara, Sonesta, C-2, Arizona common, Cheyenne, Guymon, and SunDevil. **Southern Star** formed a denser turf than Numex-Sahara, Sonesta, C-2, Arizona common, Cheyenne, Guymon, and SunDevil in this same trial.

MULTIPLE USES:

Southern Star adapts readily to lawns, parks, roadsides, cemeteries, golf course roughs and fairways, and other sports areas where bermudagrasses are grown. In many situations, **Southern Star** can be used as a replacement for vegetative bermudagrasses, which can be costly and time-consuming to establish.

DEVELOPMENT:

Susan Samudio of Jacklin Seed's Research Department developed **Southern Star** from two clones tracing back to old turf areas in the Columbia River Basin area of Washington State. **Southern Star**'s improved seed yield ensures our customers a steady seed supply when other seeded bermudagrasses are short. **Southern Star** will be available following the 1999 harvest.

