



RIO
BERMUDAGRASS

COLD-TOLERANT BERMUDAGRASS

- EXCELLENT TURF QUALITY
- SUPERIOR COLD AND FROST TOLERANCE
- EARLY SPRING GREENUP
- GOOD WEAR TOLERANCE AND RECOVERY
- #1 NTEP RATED FOR ESTABLISHMENT

Rio is a top-rated seeded bermudagrass variety developed by the Johnston Seed Company. **Rio** exhibits excellent cold and frost tolerance as well as early spring greenup making it a great choice for not only the southern zone but also areas in the transition zone where bermudagrass is used. **Rio** germinates quickly and was the #1 NTEP rated variety in establishment. **Rio** has excellent turf quality and good wear tolerance. **Rio** is dark green and fine-bladed creating a very dense turf. **Rio** is drought and heat tolerant and can be used in a number of different applications.

NTEP DATA

VARIETY	% ESTABLISHMENT MEAN ¹	TURFGRASS QUALITY MEAN ²	GENETIC COLOR MEAN ³	SPRING GREENUP MEAN ³
RIO	92.5	6.2	6.8	5.6
MONACO	91.7	6.3	6.6	5.4
RIVIERA	89.2	6.3	6.6	5.6
PRINCESS 77	87.5	6.0	6.6	4.1
NORTH SHORE SLT	87.5	5.6	6.2	4.3
YUKON	76.7	5.8	6.5	5.0
LSD VALUE	8.8	0.3	0.6	0.8

2013-2017 NTEP SEEDED BERMUDAGRASS DATA. TURFGRASS QUALITY AND OTHER RATINGS 1-9; 9=BEST
1: LEXINGTON, KY DATA. 2: GROWN AT 7 LOCATIONS. 3: FINAL REPORT.



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RIO AVAILABLE WITH WATERGARD QS

WaterGardQS is a unique polymer coating for grass seed that is completely biodegradable, nontoxic, odorless and pet-friendly. WaterGardQS seed coating works by capturing, storing and releasing available soil moisture to the seed. As water comes in contact with its insoluble matrix, it expands and encapsulates the seed within a moisture-rich environment.



ESTABLISHMENT Rio should be planted in areas of full sunlight when soil temperatures reach a consistent 65 F (18 C) and are on the rise. Plant 2 to 3 pounds of seed per 1000 square feet (1 to 1.5 kg/100 square meters) in a well-prepared firm seedbed. Cover seed with no more than 1/4 inch (6 mm) of soil. Maintain adequate soil moisture around seed using frequent but light irrigation for optimum germination. Seedlings should emerge in 10 to 14 days. As seedlings develop, decrease frequency of irrigation but increase the amount of water applied. As turf matures, follow recommended turf watering guidelines for your growing region.

MAINTENANCE Rio can be maintained at mowing heights from 0.4 inches (1.3 cm) to 1 inch (5 cm). Applying 3 to 5 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet (1.5 to 2.5 kg/100 square meters) per growing season is adequate. Do not remove over 1/3 of the leaf blade per mowing for healthy turf. More frequent mowing at shorter heights will result in a finer, more dense turf.

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