

# RTF<sup>®</sup> Turf Saver Rhizomatous Tall Fescue

## Turf and lawns



Self repairing turf



Sod production



Deep root system



Saves water



Attractive dark  
green colour

### Suggested sowing rates

New lawn/turf: 300–500 kg/ha

**"Strathayr Turf Systems have been using Barenbrug RTF<sup>®</sup> seed for the last 10+ years, and what stood out to me was RTF's ability to produce rhizomes way in excess of any other variety. So much so that I would say it would be the only, truly rhizomatous turf tall fescue on the market. With the rhizome nature and its ability to establish quicker, with noticeable extra winter growth than other tall fescues, means that we can cut sod earlier. This tall fescue has added a new dimension to our cool season turf varieties."**

**Frank Casimaty,**  
Managing Director  
Strathayr Turf Farms

All tall fescues are NOT the same! RTF<sup>®</sup> (Rhizomatous Tall Fescue) is a standout in research and development and data show's it is the only true Rhizomatous Tall Fescue. Beware of imitations.

Turf Saver<sup>®</sup> RTF<sup>®</sup> is the most advanced, unique turf tall fescue blend on the market. Featuring a unique combination of high quality turf-type tall fescues and RTF varieties, Turf Saver RTF is a problem solver. Providing the benefits of rhizomes not found in any other tall fescue varieties, Turf Saver RTF has the ability to quickly fill in damaged and bare spots in your lawn with new shoots of grass. This results in less over-seeding, fewer weed problems, no wide-leaved clumps of grass like other tall fescues can form, but a year round dense lush turf.

### The RTF advantage

- Has highest number of rhizomes
- Has longest rhizomes
- Deep root system
- Dark green colour

### Key benefits

- Repairs itself: Turf Saver RTF's rhizomes fill in bare areas in thinning turf stands
- Saves on over-seeding costs of damaged turf
- Promotes deep-rooting plants, with great tolerance to heat and drought conditions
- Saves on water and irrigation costs
- Produces a dense, lush green turf

### Applications

RTF Turf Saver is a turf fescue suitable for:

- Turf Farm sod production
- Home lawns
- Landscaping

The technology behind Turf Saver RTF is protected with a US patent, #6677507. Its value over traditional tall fescue varieties is substantial. Check to ensure your seed supplied is the true RTF.



## Management

RTF is well suited to all temperate regions of Australia. This variety performs best on well drained, fertile, soils. It is recommended to mow lawn at a height of 50mm or higher.

## Establishment

Seed can be drilled or broadcast ideally at 5mm and no more than 1cm deep. Seed to soil contact is important for successful germination. Ensure seed is supplied with adequate irrigation with frequency of cycles during the day dependent on temperature. The first watering it is recommended to give seed a good soak to penetrate the seed walls - seed must maintain close contact with wet soil for about 5-7 days to gain a good germination.

## Fertiliser

At sowing an application of a quality starter fertiliser is vital for strong plant and root development. A suitable analysis of 18:10:9 at a rate of 200-240 kg per ha.

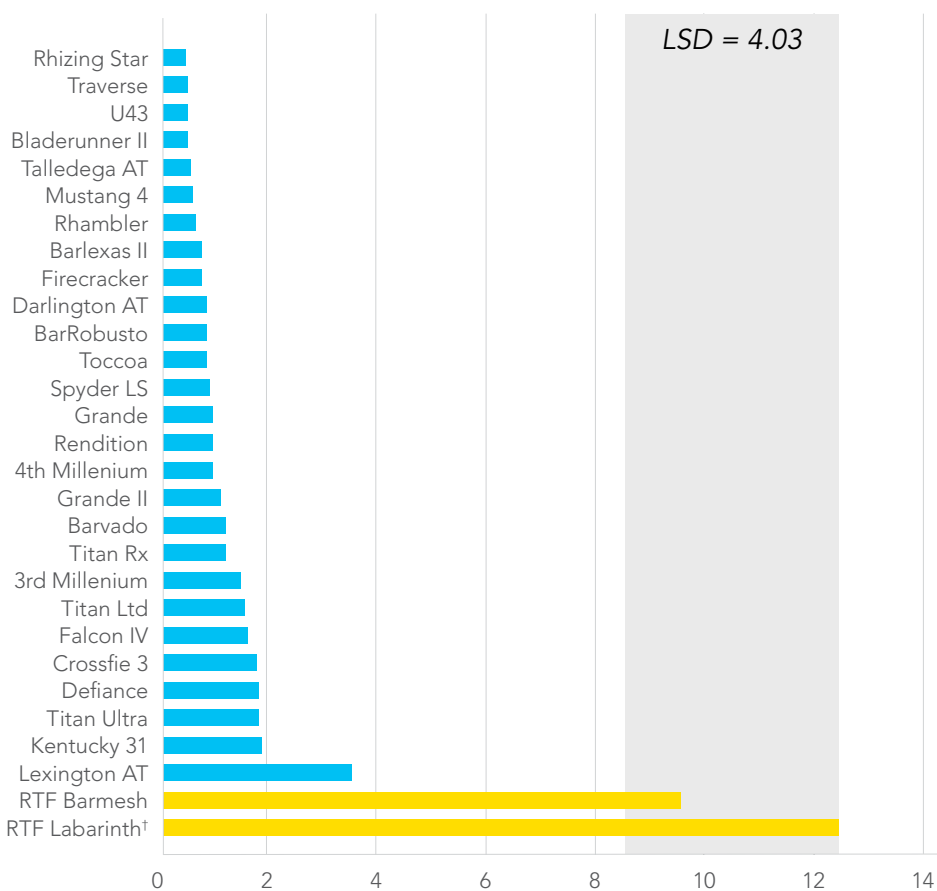
## Irrigation

Once the plant is established, water as needed to prevent drought. A dark bluish grey colour, footprinting, and wilted, folded, or curled leaves indicate that the turf needs water. Sandy soils often require more frequent watering.

## Weed control

The application of pre-emergence herbicides once the plant is well established is recommended weeds. Do not apply pre emergent herbicides before or during the establishment stage. Speak to your local chemical supplier on recommendations and timing.

### Rhizomatous Index\*



\* Percent of plants with rhizomes x number of rhizomes/plant x rhizome length

† Original plant of RTF



RTF plant exhibiting rhizome expression

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