

Dakota is an impressive **Black Beauty** variety that is known for its dark-green color and mat-like density. Dakota has a vertical, erect growth habit that rivals the uniformity of bluegrasses without the cultural maintenance.

SEEDING RATES:

Overseeding:
 3 – 5 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.

Bare Soil:
 5 – 7 lbs. per 1,000 sq. ft.



Dakota's upright growth habit in the space plant nursery in Oregon, allows the farmers to harvest most of the seed.



Dakota, measured against this 8" stake, shows steep, upright growth. It is dense and dark green, too.

VARIETY	TURF QUALITY			COLOR			DENSITY			TEXTURE		
	PA	OR	Mean	PA	OR	Mean	PA	OR	Mean	PA	OR	Mean
Dakota	7.4	8.1	7.4	7.9	8.3	8.1	6.9	7.4	7.1	7.8	7.9	7.9
Plantation	6.1	6.5	6.1	7.2	6.5	6.8	6.4	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.2	7.2
Falcon II	5.6	5.3	5.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.0	5.8	5.4	5.8	5.9	5.9
Rebel II	4.7	6.2	4.7	4.7	4.4	4.5	6.1	5.4	5.7	3.8	4.5	4.1
Jaguar 3	5.0	5.7	5.0	5.7	5.2	5.5	5.6	6.1	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.4
Bonsai	4.4	5.3	4.4	5.0	6.3	5.7	6.1	6.1	6.1	5.8	6.0	5.9
Bonanza	4.2	5.4	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.5	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.5	4.7	4.6
K-31	1.1	1.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.2	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.2

Random turf trials were analyzed at Verboort, OR and Lewisburg, PA in 2005. Amid dozens of entries at each trial location, Dakota's performance, based on the following four criteria, scored the best:

- 1) Cutting heights at both locations was 1.5".
- 2) 6 lbs. of Nitrogen was applied from the fall of 2007 through the summer of 2008.
- 3) Equal amounts of irrigation was applied to prevent stress..
- 4) Ratings were made using a 1-to-9 scale for each trait below::

TURF QUALITY where 9 = Ideal turf

COLOR where 9 = Darkest green

DENSITY where 9 = Most dense

LEAF TEXTURE where 9 – Very fine

