

USDA Recommends Lawn Care

Lawn seed experts in the U. S. Department of Agriculture offer the following shopping tips for you when you read labels on packaged lawn grass seed. The Federal Seed Act says that mixtures of fine and coarse textured seeds must be shown on the label by percentage of each in the package. This makes a big difference to you as far as the quality of the grass you grow and the actual amount of seed you need to buy. You may pay more for fine-textured lawn seed, but you have many more seeds per pound to spread around your yard. For instance, a one-pound container should contain about 2 million seeds of Kentucky bluegrass, as opposed to 225 thousand of such coarse kinds as tall fescue and ryegrass.

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Here's a grass seed buying tip from the U. S. Department of Agriculture. What may appear as a bargain to you in lawn seed may produce a coarse and ugly lawn. In the long run, the price you pay for good seed of preferred kinds and varieties is a small price to pay for a beautiful lawn around your home. Remember, it only takes a few pounds of seed for an ordinary sized lawn; and while you may pay more for fine-textured seed, you are getting more seeds per pound than when you buy the cheaper but bigger seeds in a coarse-textured blend. No matter what the price on the package, read the grass seed label to know what you are buying. The Federal Seed

Act prohibits false labeling and false advertising on seeds shipped interstate to your favorite store, so buy lawn seed with confidence by reading the label.

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Raking leaves and re-seeding the lawn in the fall are go-togethers. There are lots of reasons why your lawn may not look as nice this fall as you would like it to look. Too little or too much rain, too much traffic across it during the summer, too many insects and weeds, and it could also be that you planted too many of the wrong seeds in the first place. If it looks like this year is your year to re-seed, the U. S. Department of Agriculture says to study the labels on packages of grass seed before you buy. But the package with the highest percentage of the grass seed you want on your lawn. The Federal Seed Act, and all fifty state seed laws, help ensure that the labels will truthfully show the percentages of seeds in the package. Next spring, your lawn will show that you cared about it enough to read the label before you bought the seed.

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Your lawn can be the showcase that frames your house. It can be a park or a playground—a private recreation area for your whole family. An attractive lawn can do many things for you. No matter how you use your lawn, your investment of time, effort and money to get your lawn started will be mostly wasted effort if you start off with the wrong seed.

With fall being the best time of the year to put on lawn seed, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reminds you to read the seed package label to make sure you get the kind of lawn you want—and not a bargain mistake. Federal and state seed laws help ensure that the label information will be truthful.

Alaska Pipeline
Construction costs for the recently begun Alaska pipeline project are expected to exceed two billion dollars. This represents the most expensive privately funded project in history.



Thought For Food

Pirate Bean Soup
Wash 2½ cups dried pea beans thoroughly, cover with cold water and soak overnight. If necessary when ready to cook, add more water to make about 4 cups and simmer for one hour. Saute 1 sliced onion in 1 teaspoon bacon fat until golden. Add onion, 1 teaspoon salt and ½ teaspoon pepper to beans and continue simmering for another two hours. Just before removing from fire, add ½ cup ketchup and 1 tablespoon aromatic biters. Stir well and pour into bowls. Serves 6.

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Pa. Broiler Placements Up 14 pct.

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending August 24, 1974 were 1,383,000. The placements were 14 percent above the corresponding week a year earlier, and 10 percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 3 percent above a year earlier.

Settings for broiler chicks were 1,962,000 - 2 percent

below the previous week and the same as the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent above the same period a year ago.

Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 3,000 compared with none a year ago. Outshipments averaged 216,000 during the past 10 weeks, 28 percent below a year earlier.

Placements in the 21

States were 51,649,000 - 2 percent below the previous week and 11 percent below the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 5 percent below a year ago.

Settings were 62,983,000 - 1 percent above the previous week, but 12 percent below a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 12 percent below the comparable period a year ago.

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