Mountain View Seeds announces the release of 3 tall fescue varieties selected from its LS™ research program. LS™ or Lateral Spread Technology, is the term MVS applies to the process of seeking tall fescues with greater potential for increased stand density, particularly under stress, and self recuperation from traffic, thinning, or injury.

Although greatly improved over the last 3 decades, tall fescue is basically a bunchgrass species exhibiting growth patterns that are more vertical than lateral. Individual selections however vary greatly in their ability to generate shoots or tillers which enhance plant density. On occasion, these selections have also been observed to create rhizomes, which similar to bluegrass, form distinct new plants adjacent to the mother plant, again increasing stand density and hastening recuperation.

Mountain View Seeds, collaborating with both public and private breeders, has culled through thousands of individual collections, selecting for these expressions, and combining the most promising plants under cycles of recurrent selection, to create cultivars that, in addition to excellent appearance and disease resistance, show increased tendency to ‘fill-in’ newly seeded areas as well as areas thinned by wear and environmental conditions.

The initial releases under this program have recorded excellent NTEP rankings. Limited quantities will be available with the fall 2008 harvest. For more information contact John Zajac - zajacjj@comcast.net.

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