

HOW MUCH SEED IS IN THAT BAG?

It's not safe to assume the bag of seed you buy is packed full of the seed you want. Many bags of seed look like a good deal but if you read the seed label, you'll find you are paying for a lot of stuff that isn't the seed you want. High percentages of other crop seed, inert matter/coating and weed seed can all contribute to a bag that actually costs you more in the long run. Use these steps to understand what's in the bag.

- 1) Add Total Pure Seed: Var 1 + Var 2, etc = % Total Pure Seed
- 2) Identify pounds of desired seed: Multiply Total Pure Seed % x the Bag Weight
- 3) Calculate Cost per Pound of Desired Seed: Price of bag / pounds of desired seed

\$199

Seed-Sational's Lawn Mix

VARIETY	PURE SEED	GERM	TEST DATE	ORIGIN
Tall Fescue Var 1	34.58%	85.00%	Aug-22	OR
Tall Fescue Var 2	34.30%	85.00%	Aug-22	OR
Tall Fescue Var 3	30.38%	85.00%	Aug-22	OR

Other Crop Seed: 0.03%

Inert Matter: 0.70%

Weed Seed: 0.01%

Noxious Weeds: None Found

Net Weight: 50 lbs

Lot #: 1234

Example 1 - 50lb bag for \$199:

- 1) $34.58\% + 34.30\% + 30.38\% = 99.26\%$ Total Pure Seed
- 2) $99.26\% \times 50\text{lbs} = 49.63\text{ lbs}$ of desired seeds
- 3) $\$199 / 49.63\text{ lbs} = \$4.01/\text{lb}$

Example 2 - 40lb bag for \$99:

- 1) $12.10\% + 11.65\% + 11.50\% + 10.90\% = 46.15\%$ Total Pure Seed
- 2) $46.15\% \times 40\text{lbs} = 18.46\text{lbs}$ of desired seed
- 3) $\$99 / 18.45\text{ lbs} = \$5.37/\text{lb}$

At first glance, Example 2 may seem like a better deal. But when you look at the label and do the math, you see that **Example 1** gives you more than **2 ½ times the desired seed** (49.63# vs. 18.46#) and a lot **less of the undesired seed** (other crop and weed seed). If you're looking for the **best value**, Example 1 would be the top choice here.

\$99

Need For Seed's Super Lawn

Net Weight: 40 lbs

Lot #: 5678

VARIETY	PURE SEED	GERM	ORIGIN
Tall Fescue Var 1	12.10%	80.00%	OR
Tall Fescue Var 2	11.65%	80.00%	OR
Tall Fescue Var 3	11.50%	80.00%	OR
Tall Fescue Var 4	10.90%	80.00%	OR

2.50%

Other Crop Seed

50.00%

Coating Material

1.30%

Inert Matter

0.05%

Weed Seed

None Found

Noxious Weeds

Test Date:

7/1/2022

QUESTIONS? CALL OR STOP BY!

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