Aruba in Jacklin Research nursery trials

Turf Characteristics: Aruba strong creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra* sp. *rubra*) is a vigorous sod forming variety and has good recuperation from wear. Aruba provides a bright medium green, fine-textured turf under minimal maintenance. It is well adapted to sandy, infertile and droughty soils and is an excellent choice on areas where regular maintenance is not possible, such as embankments, deep roughs, and roadsides.

Adaptation: Aruba tolerates soil pH from 4.5 to 8.0. The shade tolerance of Aruba is excellent, and therefore it fits in well with landscaped areas, which include trees and other structures.

Winter Performance: Aruba breaks winter dormancy and greens up in early spring for longer aesthetic value year.

Good choice for Mixtures: Unlike many Chewings type fescues, Aruba blends very well in mixture with Kentucky bluegrasses, perennial ryegrasses and other fine fescues for a more broadly adapted turf. Aruba should be maintained at 1 in. or more (2.5+ cm) for best persistence.

Seeding Rate:
Maintained at turf heights: 4-6 lb/1,000 ft² (20-30 g/m²)
Unmown areas: 20-40 lb/acre (25-45 kgs/ha)
Overseeding into existing turf: 6-10 lb/1,000 ft² (30-50 g/m²)