

Breeding Objectives for CitraBlue:

1. Equal or better drought and disease resistance as Floratam
2. Equal or better shade and cold tolerance as Palmetto/Raleigh
3. Good turf quality and adapted throughout Florida



- Developed in 2006
- Evaluated in five Florida locations: Jay, Alachua, Citra, Melbourne (Duda Sod) and Arcadia (Bethel Farms).
- Evaluated for drought responses in Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida
- Disease evaluations ongoing at Citra with Dr. Harmon
- Included in NTEP trial at 8 locations from Texas to North Carolina

- For data shown to the right an * means that CitraBlue was statistically better than the cultivar with an *.
- Shown to be well-adapted through Florida
- Unique blue-green color
- Denser canopy compared to Floratam
 - More competitive against weeds
- More shade tolerant than Floratam
- More resistant to gray leaf spot compared to Floratam
- Less susceptible to take all root rot compared to Floratam
- Less susceptible to large patch compared to other shade tolerant St. Augustinegrass cultivars
- Improved drought persistence compared to Floratam
- Recently approved for commercial release
- Currently under increase with sod producers
- Expect to have limited commercial sales in late 2019
- Widespread availability in 2020.

