





**The Australian Turf Accreditation Program** 

## Why Choose AusGAP Certified?

AusGAP – The Australian Turf Accreditation Program – has been created for the country's leading turfgrass farms. Farms that produce AusGAP Certified turf provide you with the assurance that their turf adheres to set quality standards.

The AusGAP certification program provides assurance that the entire production, delivery and installation of your turf is undertaken to the highest industry standards. Purchasing AusGAP Certified turf gives you the peace of mind that your lawn adheres to a strict set of quality standards. This ensures you that your money is being spent on the best quality turf in the industry.

AusGAP Certified turf has been produced under the best industry practices from start to finish. This ensures that all steps along the chain are carried out in accordance with AusGAP protocols and standards along with state and federal requirements.



## Consumer Benefits

You can be sure when buying a AusGAP Certified turf variety, you are getting the best turf available on the market.

AusGAP Certified turf has been produced under industry best practice from start to finish. This guarantees you that all steps along the chain are carried out in accordance with AusGAP protocols and standards along with state and federal requirements.

Each certified product has its own certificate so you can be sure you will never receive a substitute or inferior product.

Farms that produce AusGAP certified turf work closely with leading industry bodies including Parks and Leisure Australia (PLA), Housing Industry Australia (HIA), and the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects (AILA). The AusGAP program is also supported and endorsed by Turf Australia and ITGAP, the International Turfgrass Generic Assurance Program, the leading international turfgrass standards body.





# What to look for when purchasing turf?

Choosing the right turf variety is an important decision. Make the right decision and you'll have a beautiful and functional lawn for years to come, but the wrong choice can affect the look of your home and add unnecessary extra work.

Before purchasing your turf be sure to do some research or ask an expert on the most suitable variety. Shade, temperature, usage and access to water are just a few variables that can greatly influence the variety of turf needed.

Once you have selected the suitable variety, you then want to be sure the turf you are purchasing is of the highest quality, and is produced, sold and delivered to the highest industry standards. By purchasing from a grower that produces AusGAP Certified turf you can be sure of this as they have undertaken strict compliance measures to ensure this is the case.



### The AusGAP 'Peace of Mind'

When you purchase AusGAP Certified turf you can be sure you are purchasing turf from the best growers in the industry. Growers producing AusGAP Certified turf must adhere to a strict set of guidelines in a variety of areas which include;

- ✓ Turf is genetically pure and true to type.
- ✓ Turf is visually free of weeds, disease and pest damage.
- Accurate turf knowledge and information provided.
- Environmental impact.
- Delivery methods.
- Appropriately trained and licensed employees.

Businesses cannot receive AusGAP certification on their turf varieties unless high standards of the above are met. Every grower of AusGAP Certified grasses has had years of experience and knowledge working in the Australian turf industry.







## The AusGAP Process

# **BREEDERS MATERIAL**

#### **AUSGAP**

#### **FARM**

#### PARENT MATERIAL

- Ensure AusGAP protocols are maintained during this expansion process on the foundation farm/s
- Variety purity is extremely important during this stage of the expansion process



Source and provide material from plant

Work with foundation farm/s to ensure

variety purity is maintained during

breeder for a foundation farm/s

expansion process





**FOUNDATION FIELDS** 

#### **OUR ROLE**

OUR ROLF

- Administration
- Auditing & monitoring of stock on foundation farms
- Monitor business and turf standards compliance
- Work with farms to regulate expansion of varieties to other AusGAP farms



#### **1ST GENERATION**

- The foundation farms are where AusGAP certified planting stock is located for expansion to registered farms
- It is the first expansion of the new grass from the parent material







#### **REGISTERED FIELDS**

#### **OUR ROLE**

- Administration
- Auditing and monitoring of stock on AusGAP farms
- Monitor business and turf standards compliance



- An expansion from the foundation farm is classified as a registered crop
- This stock has a limit on its number of expansions to certified stock
- This stock can be used for commercial sale with some restrictions







CERTIFIED **FIELDS** 

#### **OUR ROLE**

- Administration
- Auditing and monitoring of stock on AusGAP farms
- Monitoring business and turf standards compliance

#### **3RD GENERATION**

- This is stock that is only to be sold commercially and cannot be used for expansion
- The final expansion in this turf process







# Your turforass purity assurance.

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