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Introduction

The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) is designed to develop and coordinate uniform evaluation trials of turfgrass varieties and promising selections in the United States and Canada. Test results can be used by national companies and plant breeders to determine the broad picture of the adaptation of a cultivar. Results can also be used to determine if a cultivar is well adapted to a local area or level of turf maintenance. For more information, please visit **ntep.org**.

UCR currently manages 9 NTEP tests: 5 in Riverside; 1 in the Coachella Valley; 1 in Los Angeles; and 2 in San Francisco.

2012 NTEP Tall Fescue Test

- UC Riverside
- 116 Entries

2013 USGA/NTEP Warm-Season Putting Green Test

- Tamarisk CC, Rancho Mirage
- Bermudagrass, Zoysiagrass, Seashore Paspalum entries

2013 NTEP Zoysiagrass Ancillary Shade Test

- UC Riverside
- 35 Entries
- 60% Shade

2013 NTEP Bermudagrass Test

- UC Riverside
- 35 Entries

2014 NTEP Bentgrass Green Ancillary Golf Course On-Site Test

- Bel-Air CC, Los Angeles
- California Golf Club of San Francisco
- 20 Entries

2014 NTEP Bentgrass Fairway/Tee Ancillary Reduced Irrigation Test

- UC Riverside
- 18 Entries

2012 NTEP Fineleaf Fescue Test

- Ancillary No Mow, UC Riverside
- Ancillary Fairway Traffic, California Golf Club of San Francisco
- 42 Entries