Festuca (Blue Fescue)

**Growing Temperature:**
55-65° F

**EC Level:**
1.5-2.0 pour through method

**Vernalization:**
Not required.

**Pests and Diseases:**
Clumps may die out in spots, or die out completely. This problem is often caused by one or more of the following factors: high salt levels in the media, too much irrigation, or poor physical properties of the media.

**Moisture:**
Too much water will stress plants out.

**PGRs/Pinching:**
Not required.

**Other Comments:**
Festuca works well in combination planters, edging in the border, or as accent plants. Foliage color is brightest in full sun, but plants will do fine in partial shade.

**Soil pH:**
5.8-6.3

**Fertility:**
Festuca have low fertility needs and can survive in very poor soils. However, while it is actively growing it can use higher levels of Nitrogen. If the foliage loses its blue color, an application of 100-200ppm Nitrogen fertilizer might be beneficial.

**Potting and Timing:**
It is important that plants have good contact with the potting medium. Try to avoid air pockets between the plant and the medium. Watering in well after planting helps with this.

**Planting Level:**
At crown level.

**Lighting:**
Provide high light levels.

**Grower Tips:**
Festuca is a cool season grass that grows best in temperatures of 50-65° F. Avoid mid summer production as the plant growth will stall out.