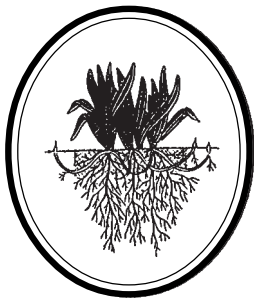




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What's Black, in Orange, and green all over? It's the 1992 Turfgrass Field Day, scheduled for Wednesday, July 1 in Pine Island, Orange County. Headquarters for the event—which will visit three sod farms—is Pine Island Turf.

The Turfgrass Field Day offers an opportunity for turfgrass managers throughout New York and the Northeast to learn the latest in turfgrass technology. It will present a hands-on educational program for all turf managers including lawn care services, landscape contractors and maintenance firms, golf course superintendents, athletic field managers, and sod growers.

Following registration at 8:00 a.m. the educational program begins at 9:00 a.m. and runs through 4:00 p.m. Then the day concludes with a review of 125 varieties of Kentucky bluegrass shown in a high maintenance demonstration trial. The event will be held rain or shine.

Topics to be included are:

- water management, by Dr. Martin Petrovic, Cornell turfgrass researcher
- annual grass weed control in new seedings, by Dr. Joseph Neal, Cornell weed specialist
- turf renovation, by Dr. Norman Hummel, Cornell turfgrass expert and editor of CUTT
- sod production and harvesting
- turf disease control
- grub management
- Integrated Pest Management monitoring and sampling techniques.

In addition, a trade show featuring equipment and turfgrass products will be held.

The pre-event registration fee of \$20 includes educational materials, site-to-site transportation, lunch, and refreshments. The registration deadline is June 24. On-site registration is \$25 and does not include lunch.

DEC pesticide recertification credits will be offered at the end of the day.

The Turfgrass Field Day is sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland, Westchester, and Ulster counties; the Sod Growers Association of Orange County; and the New York State Turfgrass Association.

For more information or registration materials, contact Martha Smith at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County, Dillon Drive, Community Campus, Middletown, NY 10940, or call (914) 344-1234.

Controlling Turfgrass Diseases Biologically

Alternatives to using pesticides are being received favorably by industry and consumers. In a new Cornell Cooperative Extension publication, *Biological Control of Turfgrass Diseases*, author Eric B. Nelson, a turfgrass pathologist in the Department of Plant Pathology at Cornell, provides the rationale and offers suggestions for using such control methods on turfgrass.

"To manipulate biological control agents predictably and successfully, an understanding of their biology and ecology in turfgrass ecosystems is needed," noted Nelson.

Turf managers, pest control applicators and homeowners will find the research findings and suggested practices useful.

The publication addresses the use of compost-based organic fertilizers, including disease suppression with composts and disease control with suppressive soils. The development and use of microbial fungicides in the United States is also discussed.

Biological Control of Turfgrass Diseases is available now from Cornell University Media Services Resource Center, 8 BTP, Ithaca, NY 14850. The cost, including shipping and handling, is \$5.00 per copy. The publication also will be available through your local Cornell Cooperative Extension office.

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