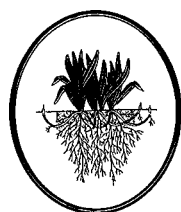




Short Cutts

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Turfgrass Field Day



*June 15, 1995
Ithaca, NY*

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The date for the 1995 Cornell Turfgrass Field Day has been set for June 15. As in the past, the Field Day is a program developed to highlight research ongoing at Cornell. It is a great opportunity for you to see where your research support is going, and to see how the Turfgrass Science Program at Cornell is serving you through research. More information will be coming soon.

What Happened to Fall?

By now you probably thought that you had missed your Fall issue of *CUTT*. Well you didn't. You have in your hands the Fall-Winter edition of *CUTT*—a double issue. Sometimes the best laid plans don't work out. Our Fall issue, I'm afraid, was completed a bit late. Rather than produce two issues on top of one another, we decided to combine them. You are still getting the same quantity and quality of information you would have received with two separate issues. Enjoy this issue of *CUTT*, and please forgive our procrastination this time.

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ASTM Athletic Field Standards

The minimum standards for maintaining athletic fields are approaching the second hurdle in becoming a recognized standard. ASTM is an international standards organization that publishes consensus standards on everything from construction materials to testing procedures to sports equipment. Within ASTM there is a committee that addresses standards for playing equipment and facilities. There is also a natural turf subcommittee, of which Norm Hummel is a member, that has been working on minimum construction and maintenance standards for athletic fields. While any ASTM standard is voluntary, a school district following such an accepted standard would likely have less exposure to liability should an injury occur on the field. The standard was passed in committee and will soon be submitted for full society balloting. If approved, it will become an accepted standard. If you would like to receive a copy of this standard, contact Angelica Hammer, 20 Plant Science Building, Ithaca, NY 14853, or contact Norm Hummel at (607) 255-1629. Any comments on the standards are welcome.



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