



## Short Cutts

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## Get Ready for 2000 With the Turfgrass ShortCUTT Almanac!

What will you remember the 1999 growing season for? The worst drought in a decade, followed by a tropical storm that flooded turf areas? Poor crabgrass control? How about gray leaf spot or chinch bugs? However you remember it, the best way to deal with these challenges in the future is to be armed with the latest research based information, not what a *friend* tells you.

The Cornell Turfgrass Team offers a weekly electronic newsletter called Turfgrass ShortCUTT that addressed all the issues of 1999. For those of you who subscribed in 1999, you know the importance of timely information. Now for a limited time, we have accumulated all the weather information, cultural practices, when pests arrived in 1999, the latest in control strategies and information from international experts on the hottest topics from how to irrigate, to how to control nematodes and gray leaf spot, protecting water quality, and managing *Poa annua* in one resource.

The ShortCUTT Almanac is fully indexed to make searching for your answer easier in 2000. The Almanac has a complete weather summary to help predict when pests might become a problem, and the season in review with predictions for how the 1999 season might influence what you see in 2000. If you'd like to reserve your copy, available in January 2000, contact Evie Gussack at (607) 257-8481 or eg21@cornell.edu. Also, be on the lookout for subscription information for the 2000 ShortCUTT Newsletter, your link to the most current turfgrass information.

## NYSTA's 50th: A Grand Affair!

Every once in a while you get to be part of something that makes you feel special just for being there. The 1999 New York State Turfgrass and Grounds Exposition in Syracuse, NY was that special place this year. The 1999 Conference provided the venue for celebrating 50 years of the New York State Turfgrass Association.

To mark this exceptional event, the educational program under the direction of Jim Diermier, CGM, offered a unique, in-depth approach to conference education. Instead of the traditional line up of half hour talks with little relationship to each other, the conference plan-

ners developed a topic-centered seminar format that kept attendees riveted to their seats.

Topics such as landscape problem solving through effective site assessment, winter injury of turfgrasses and selecting pesticides from an environmental perspective offered attendees the latest information on these current challenges. Some attendees remarked how they often attend for "pesticide recertification", but now expect to return in the future because it helps them address the biggest challenges they face.

This ability to empower their members to address their own challenges has been the cornerstone of the partnership between NYSTA and Cornell University for 50 years. Education and research have been the constant through the years and under the current leadership will not change in the future. It was a great celebration looking back, but the real celebration was for the incredible promise of the future. See you at the 2000 Conference, November 14-16!

## Sign Up for 2000 Short Courses

The Cornell Turfgrass Short Course season is nearly here. Turn to pages 12-14 in this issue of *CUTT* for further information and registration details on the Turfgrass Management Short Course, January 10-14, 2000; Golf Turf Pest Management, January 17-21; Turfgrass Management to Preserve Water Quality, January 24-28; and the Original Turfgrass Management course, now being offered in Fishkill, NY, February 21-25.

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