At first glance, the Cornell Turfgrass Field Day ’99, held on Tuesday August 17, 1999 at the Cornell Turfgrass Research and Education Center in Ithaca, NY, marked a great improvement in the weather from a stormy 1998. But the comparisons did not stop there. Most attendees remarked at the high quality research on display and the attention to detail paid by the faculty and staff at the Turfgrass Research Center.

Over 200 attendees were treated to a tour of Cornell’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Course adjacent to the Turf Center where research with biological controls and a new irrigation system with GPS information available was presented. In addition, a comprehensive weed control research program headed by our new weed scientist, Dr. Leslie Weston, was available for review. After the traditional Cornell chicken barbeque, several honored guests were recognized including retiring IPM Director, Dr. Jim Tette, followed by the exciting presentation of the annual NYSTA contribution to the Cornell Turf Program. The afternoon sessions remained well attended despite much lingering in the trade show area. Afternoon tours focused on bentgrass putting green management, turfgrass disease control and environmentally responsible insect management programs, as well as several National Turfgrass Evaluations.

Plans are underway to develop 2 acres of lawn and sports turf research at the Center as well as the new 5.5 acres of landscape horticulture research with herbaceous perennials, woody plant materials and weed control in ornamentals. These additions should make for an exciting first Field Day of the new millennium on Tuesday August 15, 2000! See you there.