Progress in the practice of top dressing at San Jose has now reached the state of the art. A maintenance practice that once took several men two to three days to accomplish can now be achieved in three hours by one man. The motorized riding top dresser with a 1,000 pound spreader attachment has brought greater speed, quality and efficiency to our top dressing program that will now increase in occurrence.

The present literature on top dressing points to many benefits that will help cut maintenance costs. Less disease, faster renewal of growth, less aerifying and better percolation are benefits that will save chemical, man power, and water expenses.

Top dressing practices at San Jose Country Club over the last 55 years have gone through different phases of development along with overall club development. It is progress made in our profession as in the practice of top dressing that helps us to do a better job for the members we work for and to enhance our professional capabilities.

THE TURFGRASS INDUSTRY IN FLORIDA

The Turfgrass Industry in Florida, totaling 523 million dollars is equivalent to 24 per cent of the 1974 cash receipts from the sale of ALL farm commodities in this state.

This survey did not take into consideration the total cash receipts from Golf fees (Greens fees and golf car rentals). If these figures were added to the total effect upon the economy of the state, the Turfgrass Industry would unquestionably surpass all agricultural crops in Florida.

The Florida Turfgrass Survey reveals that our industry is only 11% smaller than the 1974 cash receipts from all citrus, which has always been considered Florida's most important farm commodity group.

Turfgrass is 21% larger than farm income from oranges. It is 27% larger than cash receipts from all vegetables. Here is a condensation of the first Florida Turfgrass Survey.

A complete report can be obtained from:
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