better varieties, in one way or another, than those in use 40 years ago."

Which type is best?

In more northern locations, he says, bermudagrasses not only have a short growing season but are also likely to winter kill. Zoysiagrasses are more winter-hardy but growth is restricted to the frost-free period. Thus, in selecting a grass, he says that bluegrasses, fine fescues, perennial ryegrasses, tall fescues and colonial bentgrasses will provide longer periods of green turf in the North. These same grasses are adapted to fall, winter and spring conditions in the transition zone and upper South. But they suffer from hot summer conditions, and are increasingly difficult to maintain as the number of warm days increases.

In more northern locations, the bermudagrasses not only have a short growing season but are also likely to winter kill. Zoysiagrasses are more winter-hardy but growth is restricted to the frost-free period. Thus, in selecting a grass, he says that bluegrasses, fine fescues, perennial ryegrasses, tall fescues and colonial bentgrasses will provide longer periods of green turf in the North.