Servo irrigation is an 18- to 20-inch water requirement a year. But that’s comparable to Bermudagrass or buffalograss. "I’m running them side-by-side with Prairie [buffalograss] and I’m not with zoysias to avoid future winter kills. These are going to be in the same water-use range as buffalograss.""Buffalograss has a place. It is very drought tolerant. But with zoysias you can mow down closer, they are more disease-tolerant and they can be used in a very drought-tolerant environment.""The upper Midwest is far more amenable to allowing warm-season grasses to go dormant and brown than we are here in the South,"" he said. ""The Californians are adamant it has to be green. Consequently, they aren’t as apt to accept zoysia. They’re used to managing a turf that will change as water becomes more an issue.""

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