“DMIs are a nice, broad systemic fungicide you can use in nonstressful times,” he says. “But most people are cautionary. It’s going to be 103 and 105 degrees this week, and I don’t know anybody using DMIs right now.”

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Like Husting, Andy Fries has been burned before – to the point where he lost a job.

“I had used DMIs with no regard as far as unwanted growth regulation, says Fries, CGCS, at Brownson Country Club in Huntington, Conn. “Years ago, I got into trouble on a golf course and was let go. Banner Maxx at a high rate was my style, but that was four years ago. A sales guy and message boards have helped, so I’ve tried to avoid DMIs. I don’t have a check plot. I’m just going off others’ experiences.”

Fries, in his second season at Brownson (last year he was an assistant) manages bent/Poa greens, rye/bent/Poa tees and fairways and rye/blue/fescue rough with a maintenance budget of $570,000 and a chemical budget of $82,000. The top two diseases Fries battles are anthra-

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