### Golf Rounds Played

The percentages below represent the difference in number of rounds played in April 2006 compared to the number of rounds played in April 2005.

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<th>REGION</th>
<th>APRIL</th>
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<td>New England ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT</td>
<td>28.0%</td>
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<td>Middle Atlantic NY, PA, NJ</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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<td>East North Central MI, OH, IN, IL, WI</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
<td>14.2%</td>
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<td>West North Central ND, MN, SD, NE, KS, IA, MO</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
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<td>South Atlantic WV, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
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<td>East South Central KY, TN, AL, MS</td>
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<td>4.7%</td>
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<td>TOTAL UNITED STATES</td>
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### A Billion Dollars in Sight

At a presentation recently, BASF's Specialty Products Director Stephen Briggs sized up the U.S. specialty products market.

- **$880 million** Turf and Ornamental
- **$550 million** Pest Control
- **$500 million** Vegetation Management

### Tidbit of the Month

**Golf "On" in Oregon**

Central Oregon continues to be the home for new golf projects. **Brasada Ranch** in Prineville will see a private course designed by Jacobsen-Hardy open this fall, and **Pronghorn Golf Club**'s private Fazio layout will debut in late August. Others include the 574-acre **Cascade Highlands Resort** south of Bend, which will feature a course designed by David McLay Kidd, who crafted the original links at Bandon Dunes. Up north in Madras is an 800-acre project that will be a co-development involving the city of Madras and a private group. Also on tap is **Thornburgh Resort**, a 1,900-acre project between Redmond and Sisters that proposes 54 holes. The latest 54-hole eye opener is **Seven Peaks** in Crook County, which will occupy 2,100 acres of former ranchlands east of Redmond. The first course there will be a Tom Doak design. For details on these and other golf projects around the U.S, visit www.golfconstructionnews.com.

### You Think We've Got It Bad

- **Oslo** $6.90
- **London** $6.28
- **Hong Kong** $6.25
- **Brussels** $6.16
- **Rome** $5.53

To think we're griping about gas prices hitting three bucks a gallon in the USA. Check out some of the recent gas prices in other parts of the world. Can you say, "Where can I buy a hybrid Yugo?"

### Are You a People Person?

You entered this field because you wanted to tend turf on a golf course. But you now know it involves a lot more than that, such as interacting with people – all kinds of people with all kinds of attitudes. That said, do you like dealing with people as part of your job?

- **60%** Yes, I enjoy conversing with people, even if it's difficult conversation
- **1%** I can't stand it. I run when I see someone coming
- **3%** I try to avoid it as much as possible
- **36%** I don't mind it, but I don't like it

*Based on 123 responses*