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provided acceptable snow mold control in most of our trials at Wisconsin but has provided exceptional green color the following spring (Figure 7). This green color fades rapidly as the turf comes out of dormancy, but superintendents looking for any advantage they can get in difficult early spring conditions may find the brief green-up beneficial.

THE FINAL WORD

If options are what you crave in life, then choosing a snow mold fungicide program should leave you drooling. Too many effective options exist for me to list just a few, and what may work well for one facility may not quite fit with another facility for a number of reasons. The best recommendation I can give is to use the research provided by university efficacy trials to determine what products are effective in conditions similar to yours. Take these products and discuss pricing and other intangibles with a sales or technical representative you’re comfortable with, and come up with a plan for effective and affordable management of snow mold at your course. Then sit back and rest easy for the winter…unless ice starts to form.

Author’s note: Listing of specific products in this article is based on research conducted at the University of Wisconsin and is not intended to be an endorsement of the product or of the manufacturer.

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Efficacy of lower-cost options for control of speckled snow mold (Typhula ishikariensis) at (A) Sentryworld GC in Stevens Point, WI in 2010-2011 and (B) Wawonowin CC in Champion, MI in 2012-2013. Fungicide rate in fluid ounces per 1,000 ft² is in parentheses.

Civitas combined with Harmonizer, in addition to several other turf pigments and pigmented turf fungicides, applied in the fall can produce dramatically “greener” turf the following spring compared to non-treated turf. This photo was taken five months after the application on March 15th, 2012, in Madison, WI.