TIPS FROM DR. FRANK

(Continued from page 48) "If your sensor sits at three inches deep and the root zone extends down only 2.5 inches, your data are meaningless to the turf," he says. Also, remember that the system may slightly over-water to get the water level where it needs to be on a particular green, Frank says.

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