JB COMMENTS:

Each profession typically has a distinguishing terminology that is used. Turfgrass science and culture has a distinct terminology. For turfgrass managers to become true professionals they must learn and use the unique terminology of their profession. This will not only ensure effective communications among turfgrass professionals, but also will be an indicator of an individual’s unique knowledge of a true profession. Medical doctors and lawyers have used this approach for a long time. Note however, that in certain key communication one may need to define certain terminology to ensure communications with non-turf professionals. Some examples of proper professional usage are:

- Bentgrass - not bent.
- Bunker - not sand trap.
- Cultivar - not variety.
- Potassium chloride - not potash
- Pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. - not bags per field.
- Soil or root zone - not dirt.
- Tee - not tee box.
- Tifway - not 419.