All are welcome to attend this hands-on educational experience where you will see the latest sports field management equipment, participate in the calibration of a spreader, and develop a better understanding of basic pesticide calculations to insure proper application.

The featured speaker will be Tom Torpey who, with his staff, will discuss what it takes to have a Field of the Year. There will be Certified Sports Field Managers available to discuss issues that are specific to your field as well as representatives from Rutgers University who are another valuable resource. There will be an opportunity also to network with your peers. Sometimes this is the most valuable part of the program.

Equipment demonstrations will be done on the New Soccer Complex as well as on the Field of the Year. Any one who has drainage issues, aeration issues, or may be interested in renovating existing fields will not want to miss this event.

Details and registration forms are available online at www.sfmanj.org or by calling SFMANJ at 856-514-3179.

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In addition to a SFMANJ-sponsored trade show and equipment demonstrations, existing and future turfgrass varieties were on display as part of the 2009 Rutgers Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day on August 5.