Three weeks after planting Tifton dwarf bermudagrass, a dense mat of entwined turf begins to form on the course left level by the automatic sprig planter.

ammonium nitrate, or another fast-release form of nitrogen is needed. This additional nitrogen assures fast-growing and healthy turf. About four weeks after planting, we find it worth while to apply an extra 400 pounds of 5-10-15 per acre.

To determine the amounts of lime needed in the soil, it is best to have the soil tested. For bermudagrass, soil pH should range from 5.5 to 7.0. However, if your soil is below pH 6.0 (acidic) then lime applications are advisable. Usually one ton of lime per acre is adequate, and it can be applied before the fertilizer and should be harrowed 3 or 4 inches deep.

Grass should be irrigated within the first hour after it is planted and the soil kept moist continuously for two weeks.

The best planting time for bermudagrass is from March 1 to

November 1 in the Deep South, and April 15 to September 1 in the Middle South. Bermudas planted too late may suffer winter kill, and those planted too early may rot in the cold soil before they take root. Extremely late or early plantings are risks that always should be avoided.

30 Graduate From PSU Turfgrass Course

Representatives from 10 states and 2 Canadian provinces made up the graduating class of 30 students who completed work this spring in the Pennsylvania State University Turfgrass Management Winter Course.

Since the first course started in 1957, over 80% of the graduates have found employment in turf maintenance or a related field. The Turfgrass Management Winter Course consists of two eight-week terms a year in each of two years. Six-month summer periods between the second and third terms are used for on-the-job training.

Individuals with turf maintenance experience are given priority in admission to the course. High school graduates are also