A record 425 people viewed over 40 exhibits and demonstrations at the American Sod Producer Association's 11th annual summer convention and field day in July. Guests from Australia, England and Sweden and a group from the Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario attended.

Booth exhibits were educational, as many suppliers to the sod industry were there to answer specific questions about their lines.

Several types of irrigation equipment and sprayers were demonstrated at the Green-Glo Turf Farms Thursday afternoon. At the Glenn Rehbein maintenance shop many innovative features, including a mini-computer for farm/sod operations, were demonstrated and discussed.

New officers and board members were introduced. Glenn Rehbein, Glenn Rehbein Farms, is now the president of ASPA. E. John Hope, Manderley Turf Farms, took over as vice president, replacing Charles Lain of Pine Island Turf Nursery who has been appointed to fill an unexpired term on the board of directors, created by the resignation of Rober Hummer. Paul Unruh, Unruh's Turf Farm, is now secretary and Chris Beasley, Tuckahoe Turf Farms, is the new treasurer.


Friday was spent at Harley's Sod Farm watching demonstrations of actual sod farm operations, including mowing, harvest, loading, and the equipment involved.