**TURFGRASS**

**NFL bending injury data on fake turf?**

An official of the National Football League Players Association says team owners are taking “an ostrich approach” to professional football player injuries. The reason? The “cosmetics” of synthetic turf surfaces, says M.J. Duberstein, research director for the NFL Players Association. He termed the NFL “a billion dollar a year entertainment industry.”

Duberstein, who spoke at the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo in December, said: “artificial surfaces pose a major safety hazard for every NFL player.” He said the players association cemented its opposition to synthetic turf after comparing 1983 and ‘84 NFL injury figures from data supplied by league management. It showed an 18 percent increase in the number of injuries, Duberstein noted.

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**Prof: name change good for industry**

Pesticides, why not call them “qualicides” or even “quanticides?” Dr. William Becker, a veteran Florida agricultural safety specialist, posed this question at the Professional Lawn Care Association of America (PLCAA) Conference this past November.

Becker says the name itself, “pesticides,” puts the Green Industry on the defensive.

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