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First Annual South Florida Turfgrass Workshop and Exposition

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PLACE: Ft. Lauderdale R.E.C.
3205 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 1988
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

PROGRAM:
MORNING:
Pesticide Update — CEU points
AFTERNOON:
Exhibits and competitive demonstrations.
All major companies will be present.

Mark this date on your calendar! Details will follow at a later date. For further information, contact Expo Chairman Ray Hansen 367-3423 or Marie Roberts 692-9349. ■

KEEPING THOSE ANNUALS HEALTHY AND HAPPY

*By Tom Teets
Urban Horticulturist, Palm Beach County*

The winter season is an important time of year for annuals here in South Florida. Unfortunately, the annuals are frequently planted and left on their own to survive. Before long instead of being an attractive focal point of color in the landscape, they become a real eyesore. Continued care and maintenance is a necessity for successful annuals. They are not low maintenance plants.

Adequate watering, fertilizing, pruning and insect and disease control care are a must. Check the watering system frequently to maintain adequate coverage and moisture level. Most annuals cannot survive without frequent irrigation. However, water should be applied early in the morning so the leaves will dry off quickly to avoid foliar diseases.

To maintain continual growth and flowering, frequent light fertilization is desirable. Applying a granular slow release fertilizer will cut the frequency with which fertilizer is applied. Over fertilization may lead to excess foliar growth and reduced flowering. If this should occur, reduce the amount of nitrogen in the fertilizer you are using.

Light pruning and shaping may be needed to maintain the proper shape of annuals as the growing season progresses. Certain species such as marigolds, salvias and geraniums should have spent flowers pruned off to encourage continued blooming.

Annuals must be checked frequently for insects and diseases. Any problems should be promptly treated. A follow-up treatment according to labeled directions is frequently helpful. When insects become a persistent problem, granular systemic insecticides may be helpful in giving longer lasting control.

Using a regularly scheduled maintenance program on your annuals should help to increase their lifespan. ■

IFAS FIELD DAY

Sponsor: University of Florida, IFAS

Event Name: IFAS Turfgrass Field Day

Date: May 5, 1988

Location: Turfgrass Research Farm
Gainesville, FL 32611

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