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Don Benham, FTGA director of public affairs, uses his inaugural *Florida Green* column to enumerate the ways our two organizations can accomplish more together than separately. Regulators are willing to listen to the industry... if its members will only speak up, says Joel Jackson. First concept plan for the turfgrass plots at UF/IFAS's new Pine Acres center south of Gainesville already has researchers and regulators drooling.

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