

## Gainesville Turfgrass Field Day

# Tours, Demos, Education Highlight Annual Event



*Interim Dean for Research Wayne Smith welcomes the crowd to the Field Day.*

Approximately 200 people attended Gainesville's annual turfgrass field day July 22. The opening welcome was given by Interim Dean for Research Wayne Smith, who encouraged the crowd to take the opportunity to learn about all of the turfgrass research currently under way at UF-IFAS.

Morning research tours included talks by Katie Barbara, Bernard Cardenas, Billy Crow, Joon Lee, Grady Miller, Mark Mitchell, Laurie Trenholm, and Jan Weinbrecht. Dr. Kevin Kenworthy, the new turfgrass breeder, also had the opportunity to interact with and speak to the crowd.

Attendees had choices between educational sessions in the afternoon. They selected talks on pest management with speakers Phil Busey, Eileen Buss, Lawrence Datnoff, and Phil Harmon, or the best management practices session with speakers Grady Miller, Russell Nagata, or Laurie Trenholm.

Money raised from the field day goes

directly for the support of the G.C. Horn Turfgrass Research Laboratory and helps to provide research data to help all phases of the turfgrass industry.

We would like to thank Bayer Environmental Sciences, Syngenta Professional Products, and Green Technologies, Inc. for their sponsorship of this event.

Next year's field day will be held at the Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra, just 20 miles south of the main campus, where development of the new G.C. Horn Turfgrass Field Laboratory is currently under way.

The new field laboratory will include several golf holes and a variety of specialty sites to study irrigation techniques, runoff and leaching, effects of shade and other facets of turfgrass management. Site design has been completed and construction will soon be under way. Turf industry partners are donating time, materials and funds to support this effort.

*Laurie Trenholm, Ph.D.*



*Jan Weinbrecht, senior biological scientist, talks about his research on mowing height and water use in St. Augustinegrass.*



*The crowd of 200-plus enjoys lunch at the Field Day.*



*Dr. Grady Miller describing some of his research on the Envirogreen.*