

and disease-resistant grasses bred

better varieties, in one way or another, than those in use 40 years ago."

Which type is best?

Cool-season grasses are usually recommended for the northern tier of the United States because they green up sooner in the spring and stay green, longer in the fall than other grasses, says Roberts.

Zoysiagrass and bermudagrass are used

through much of the "transition zone" between the North and South, even though their growth period is shortened by cool spring and fall weather.

"In these instances, their increased tolerance of summer heat and drought stress make them more reasonable to maintain," Roberts says.

In more northern locations, he says,

bermudagrasses not only have a short growing season but also are likely to winter kill. Zoysiagrasses are more winter-hardy but growth is restricted to the frost-free period.

Thus, in selecting a grass, he says that bluegrasses, fine fescues, perennial ryegrasses, tall fescues and colonial bentgrasses will provide longer periods of

green turf in the North.

"These same grasses are adapted to fall, winter and spring conditions in the transition zone and upper South. But they suffer from hot summer conditions, and are increasingly difficult to keep healthy as one moves further south," Roberts says. "Zoysiagrass and bermudagrass are used effectively in these locations."

Association gives direction for turfgrass sodding

The booklet "Guideline Specifications to Turfgrass Sodding" is one of several available from the American Sod Producers Association at 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 60008.

"Guideline Specifications" — costing \$2 — is designed for home or commercial use rather than golf courses, basically because of the size of the area and because of transportation times.

"Turf Installation Guide," a four-color brochure that provides a step-by-step approach to sod installation, is available at a cost of \$75 for a minimum order of 500.

"Tech Sheets," which costs \$15 for a minimum order of 500 of any single variety, gives concise descriptions of specifications and maintenance recommendations for Bermudagrass, bluegrass, centipedegrass, fine fescue, tall fescue, ryegrass, St. Augustinegrass and Zoysia grass.

E-Z-GO celebrates 35th anniversary

E-Z-Go Textron golf car and utility vehicle manufacturer of Augusta, Ga., has celebrated its 35th birthday.

E-Z-Go is a major producer of golf cars and turf vehicles and vehicles for industry and commercial markets as well as a line of private golf cars.

B.F. Dolan, president and chief executive officer of Textron, Inc., and his brother, Billy Dolan, founded the company in June 1954.

They started in a one-room machine shop and in 1960 they acquired Textron, which is today housed on a 40-acre site with buildings adding up to almost 500,000 square feet and employing over 1100 people.

Rain Bird names new distributor

The H.V. Carter Company Inc. has been named exclusive distributor for the Rain Bird line of golf course irrigation products in the Northern California coastal region. Rain Bird of Glendora, Calif., is one of the world's largest manufacturers of irrigation equipment.

The Carter Company has been in business for over 71 years and is a full service supplier of Jacobson and many major lines of turf equipment for golf courses and commercial and light commercial projects.

Carter's irrigation division, managed by Thomas C. Jackson, will be responsible for Western California from Monterey to the Oregon border.

Baird moves offices

Golf course architect Gary Roger Baird has expanded and relocated his Nashville, Tenn., office.

Baird is now headquartered at 2505 Hillsboro Road, Suite 301, Nashville 37212.

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