

# Florida Turf Assn. eclipses \$1M in research support

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Florida Turfgrass Association (FTGA) has surpassed the \$1-million mark in donated research funds to the University of Florida's (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Services.

UF Assistant Dean Everett Emino wrote: "The FTGA has now provided over \$1 million in

grant donations to the University of Florida. That is truly a milestone in support."

The total research support given by the FTGA through 1999 is \$1,087,921.

The FTGA has been raising and donating money to UF's Florida Turfgrass Research Foundation since June 1982.

FTGA donations have been used to better understand pest controls and their uses, warm-season turfgrass improvement, turfgrass growth, turfgrass breeding, water quality and quantity issues, pest resistance in grasses, and chemical application methods.

Plus, the FTGA, in coopera-

tion with the University of Florida, provided \$139,000 to fund the first Economic Impact Study of Florida's Turfgrass Industry. The FTGA also donated \$350,000, along with matching funds from the state, for the creation of the Environtron, a unique environment for researching turfgrass. These make

actual donations to the university since 1982 closer to \$1.5 million for turf-related research and studies.

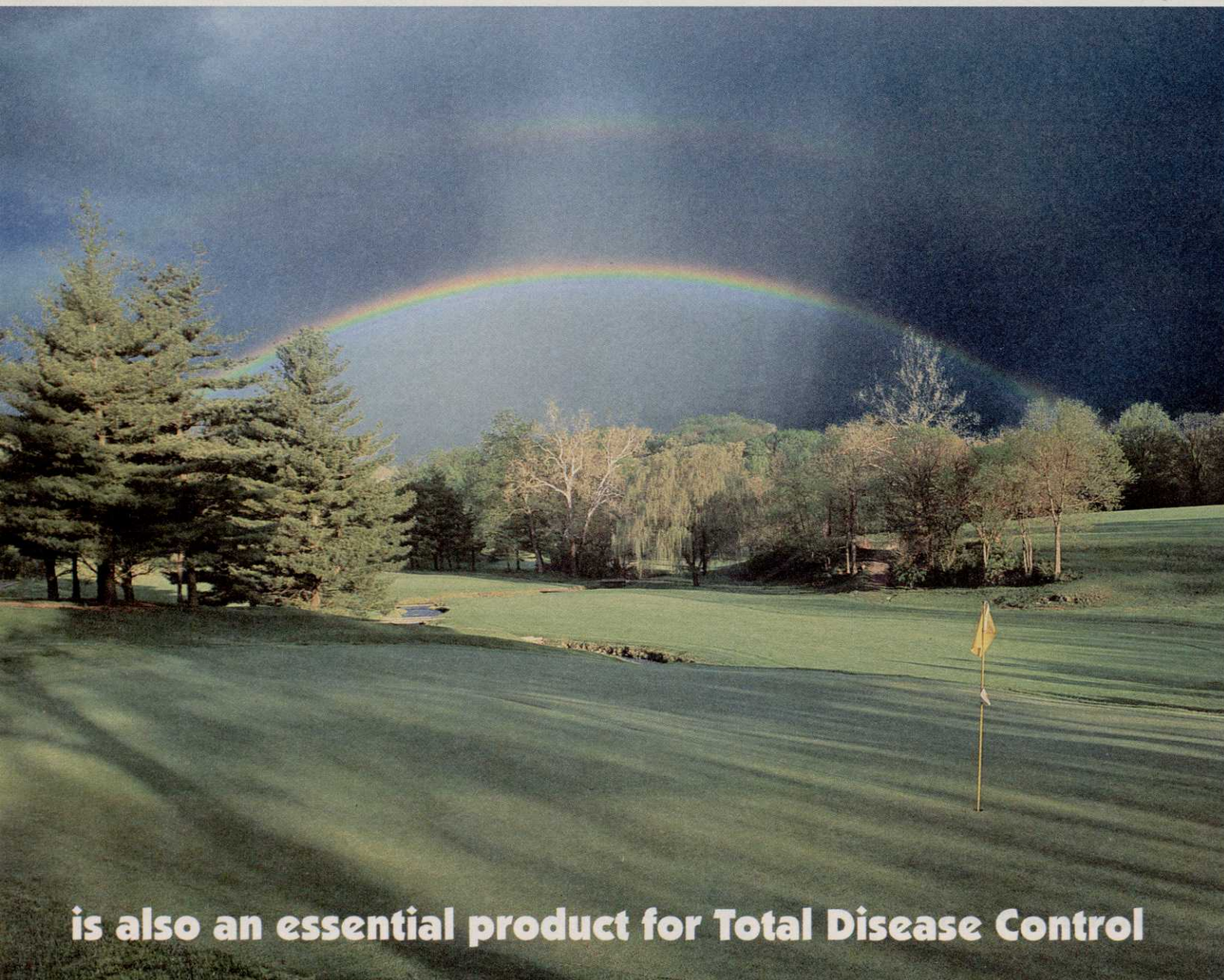
"When I first joined the Florida Turfgrass Association [1972] it bothered me that other industry representatives looked upon this association as just another golf course superintendents' group," explained FTGA President Mark Jarrell. "We're more than that, and always have been."

Roy Bates, past president of the FTGA, added, "A percentage of our donated research grants go to golf course specific research, but an awful lot is dedicated to turf research benefiting sports associations and their stadium turf, parks and recreation departments, the Irrigation Society, lawn maintenance companies and Florida pest control operators."

The FTGA raises funds through golf tournaments, the FTGA's annual and regional conferences, and donations from the local chapters of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

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"The tool was made so that the socket would always be handy and not get lost," Davis said.

After this setup, a high-pressure hose is used to tie into the Hannay Hose Reel Model # 1520-17-18 with a manual hand-crank reel equipped with 150 feet of 1/2-inch hose, with a Toro adapter "pig tail" Part # 80-6740 at the end of the hose.

"The trailer itself measures 44 inches wide by 48 inches long and the sides are 18-inches high. The floor is made up of 2- by 6-inch PT planks bolted to the frame of the trailer. And the trailer frame consists of 1- by 1- by 1/8-inch square tubing.

The sides, front and rear of the trailer are covered with 3/4-inch expanded steel. The axle is built with a 2- by 2- by 3/16-inch square tubing that measures 50 inches. At the end of the square tubing is a standard axle spindle where the hubs are attached. The tires are 18-inches by 9.50 by 8 Goodyear Terra Tire Smooth with four lug standard rims and hubs. The 52-inch hitch is welded to the axle and is also made from the 2- by 2- by 3/16-inch square tubing as the axles are.

Attached to the end of this 52-inch square tubing are two pieces of 1/2-inch-thick plate, with one on top of the square tubing and one on the bottom, which makes up the hitch that attaches to the Hydroject. On the side of the trailer is a 1-1/2-inch diameter piece of PVC pipe that is used to hold a dew whipping pole to clean up the greens and tees after Hydrojecting.