

Do you use any organic fertilizers or pesticides as part of your turfgrass management program?

Source: GCN online poll of 110 respondents



## by the NUMBERS

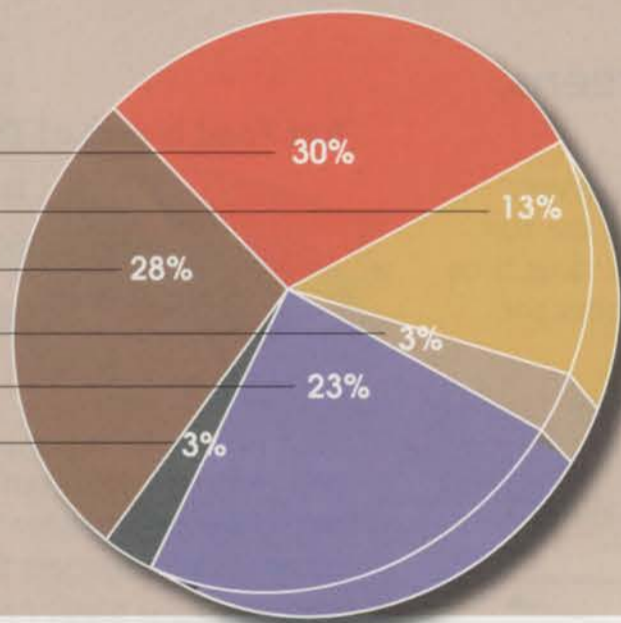
Many people in the industry talk about ways to grow the game of golf and the need for that. The First Tee is one organization encouraging young people to play the game. Here's a look at The First Tee's reach and revenue.



unaudited  
Year ending Dec. 31, 2005

**Revenue:**

Founding partners	\$4,009,000
Individuals	\$1,794,000
Corporations	\$3,682,000
Foundations	\$435,000
Government	\$3,025,000
Other	\$453,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,398,000</b>



**300,000**  
The number of students in The First Tee National School Program during the 2005-06 school year

**5** The number of The First Tee international chapters

The number of affiliated relationships The First Tee has with golf courses **209**

**217,000**  
The number of young people introduced to golf through The First Tee in 2005

**800** The number of schools in The First Tee National School Program during the 2005-06 school year

**52**

The number of dedicated golf-learning facilities opened worldwide by The First Tee in 2005

## QUOTABLES

"Superintendents need the courage to tell ownership they're in a tough situation and have to change mowing heights for a few weeks to get through a tough period until they can get the course back to where it needs to be." - **Mike Stamey**, golf course superintendent at the 18-hole Maggie Valley (N.C.) Club Golf Course

"We're the only golf course in U.S. history to be accepted into any EPA program." - **Pat Blum**, golf course superintendent at Colonial Acres Golf Course in Glenmont, N.Y.

"The whole staff, from the general manager to part-time employees, needs to understand what the reality of a small budget is. We all want the best possible product to give to the public/membership, but the reality is that we're going to have to compromise on most all facets of the operation." - **Teron Bay**, CGCS, at The Willows at Kenton County in Independence, Ky.

"Golf course management is more than cutting greens one-eighth of an inch. It's about dealing with people. Our job is to expand the students' views." - **Karl Danneberger**, turfgrass professor at The Ohio State University