



Figure 12 Dollar Spot infection of Washington bentgrass fertilized with activated sewage sludge at 10 lbs. nitrogen per 1000 square feet per year. Note low rate of infection as indicated by number of caps placed over each diseased spot—June 1964.

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marked differences between nitrogen sources. At the high rate of ten pounds actual nitrogen, there was appreciably less dollar spot and significant differences between the nitrogen sources.

The water soluble nitrogen sources (urea, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, and Chilean nitrate of soda) were similar in their effect in reducing dollar spot. The exception was ammonium nitrate. Dollar spot was consistently worse where it was used, compared to the other water solubles. Among the organics, activated sewage sludge plots had the least dollar spot. They were

always equal to or better than the water solubles. In general, processed tankage and ureaform were less effective in suppressing dollar spot.

Emphasis should also be placed on proper use of fungicides. Increases in dollar spot resistance from nitrogen sources is not sufficient to be considered a substitute for fungicides. But an increased disease resistance from proper nitrogen use will make fungicides more effective.

Studies are continuing to more fully evaluate the cumulative effects of nitrogen sources, because different rates and times of application may in time influence the results. ●

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