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- Kyle Miller, the senior technical specialist for BASF, sheds light on how to diagnose and combat turf disease outbreaks.