



# Cool Field Day

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Turfgrass Field Day 2005 had a cool educational program, trade show, side tour, and even cool weather. The weather part we could have done without. Field Day had temperatures that struggled to get out of the 60s, during one of the hotter summers in recent memory. It also rained one inch the night before, making for deep ruts in the trade show area. The rain didn't dampen the attendees' spirits though. Over 300 guests, including 241 attendees and 65 sales representatives, took full advantage of all Field Day had to offer.

The traditional morning research tour was followed by an equally educational trade show period. Lunch is always superb, except it had to be enjoyed during a brief shower that occurred just when lunch was being served. The day was capped off with an optional tour of Camp Randall Stadium, to learn all about the Badger's new *FieldTurf*.

During this full day of education, attendees learned about strategies for moss control on putting greens, phosphorus runoff in the urban landscape, and how winterkill decimated lots of turf in Wisconsin this past winter. Additionally there were talks about new products available to germinate grass quicker and keep it healthier once established. Other talks focused on which turf varieties and species are best suited for different situations along with many other turf management presentations. There was something for everyone to take home whether they were from the golf, sports field, sod, lawn care, or any other turf profession.

The trade show started an hour before lunch. There were many new products and services on display along with the tried-and-true ones. Several pieces of equipment were demonstrated for attendees to see how well they worked. The commercial attendees are a key factor in the success of Field Day. The list of 2005 participants is listed here, so you know who to call on for all your commercial needs.

Field Day was concluded with an optional tour to Camp Randall Stadium sponsored by the Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association. Almost 60 attendees took advantage of this rare opportunity to go onto the field and learn all about the Badgers' new and unique playing surface called *FieldTurf*. The Packers use the same turf on a couple of their practice fields that incorporates deep synthetic carpet with crumb rubber to make a durable surface that is much softer than previous artificial turfs. UW athletic facilities maintenance superintendent Dan Wyatt led this very insightful tour of Camp

Randall that included the Dave McClain indoor practice facility. He answered all our questions and was a very knowledgeable and gracious host. The timing of our visit couldn't have been any better because the field was in the process of getting the new surface put down over part of the field for the 2005 season, so we got to see all the different layers that go into this new playing surface.

The whole day was made up of seeing different layers or strategies that go into growing healthier grass. The research tour, trade show, and athletic field tour had interesting information that everyone could take home to use on their home turf. Field Day 2005, in spite of the weather, was a cool experience. ♣

## 2005 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Summer Field Day Commercial Participants

BASF	ProSource One
Bayer	Reinders
Champion Greens	Riesterer & Schnell
Conserv F S	Sports Turf Specialists
Contree Sprayer & Equipment	Syngenta
DHD Tree Products	TIP
Dow AgroSciences	The Andersons
Ero-Tex	Tiziani Golf Car
E-Z-Go Trextron	Verdicon
Geese Police	Waupaca Sand & Solutions
Horst Distributing	WDATCP
Johnson Turf Equipment	Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association
Lesco	Wisconsin Turf Equipment
Midwest Turf Products	Wisconsin Turfgrass Association
National Seed / Simplot	
Olds Seed Solutions	Yamaha Golf Car
Paul's Turf and Tree	

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