



Short but Sweet Field Day

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Summer Field Day 2009 started out perfect. The sky was cloudy, providing a nice break from the summer sun, temperature was 68 degrees, and winds were gentle. The 226 attendees and 60 vendors were having a great morning before rain shortened the day. Rain was predicted to start about 3:00 p.m. but decided to make an early arrival at lunchtime. The rain put an end to the afternoon trade show as vendors and attendees alike headed for their cars. The day was still a success as the morning research tour and an hour of trade show only time were completed, and everyone had grabbed their lunch and were under the tent before rain started. One of the vendors in the trade show summed it up perfectly commenting that field day was, "Short but sweet."

However, not everyone left after the rain started. A very successful lawn care training workshop took place inside the Noer Facility during the afternoon. The workshop cost an extra fee but sold out for the second year in a row. Topics that were covered in the workshop included identifying and managing weeds, diseases and insects in turf. It also included calibration of sprayers and spreaders.

The lawn care workshop was a nice complement to all the information that was presented during the morning research tour. Twelve turfgrass research sta-

tions were highlighted during the tour. Talks focused on golf, home lawn, athletic field, and sod production turf. The list of research topics included:

- Cutless® PGR for controlling *Poa annua* in Fairways
- Velvet Bentgrass Nitrogen Type and Rate Evaluation
- Rainwater Harvesting and Subsurface Drip Irrigation on Turfgrass
- Development of Dollar Spot Forecasting Model
- Primo MAXX® Effects on Fertilization and Growth Regulation
- Residual Activity of Acelepryn for Control of Black Cutworm in Low Cut Creeping Bentgrass
- JumpStart® Kentucky Bluegrass for Lawn and Sports Turf
- Velvet and Creeping Bentgrass Management for Shaded Putting Greens
- Grasses for Sustainable Landscapes
- Uptake and utilization for Fall-Applied N to Soil and Sand-based Putting Greens
- Non-traditional Fungicide Timing for Control of Snow Molds and Dollar Spot on Wisconsin Golf Courses
- Effectiveness of Early-Season Fungicide Programs for the Control of Dollar Spot



Birds eye view of Field Day during the morning trade show.

Following the research tour came one hour of trade-show-only time. The trade show included 28 companies displaying turf equipment, supplies, and services to improve everyone's turf management. The sales representatives were helpful in discussing all aspects of their products and services. The list of exhibitors is mentioned here. Please be sure to give them your business and thank them for helping to support Field Day.

Although shortened by the rain, Field Day 2009 filled all attendees' appetites for new turf knowledge. This year's WTA Summer Field Day provided many new ideas to help us manage our properties. 

**2009 Wisconsin Turfgrass Association
Summer Field Day Exhibitors**

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| BASF | Kenne Enterprises |
| Bayer | L T Rich Products |
| Burris Equipment Company | McFarlanes |
| Capstan Ag Systems | Midwest Turf Products |
| Contree Sprayer & Equipment | Midwest Turf Specialties |
| Deer Creek Seed | Pauls Turf & Tree Nursery |
| DHD Tree & Turf | Pendelton Turf Supply |
| Dow AgroSciences | Reinders |
| Floratine Turf Products | Spring Valley |
| Frontier FS | Syngenta |
| Greater Earth Organics | UAP |
| GreenJacket | Valent |
| Horst Distributing | Waupaca Sand & Solutions |
| John Deere Golf | Wisconsin Turf Equipment |



Field Day attendees listen to Dr. Soldat and Bill Kreuser.