

Mid-Atlantic Region Leads All Areas for Superintendent Salary Increases

In August the Career Development Department of GCSAA released *Trends in Compensation and Benefits for Golf Course Superintendents*. This is an analysis between the 1995 and 1998 Compensation and Benefits Reports. The Mid-Atlantic Region posted the most significant increase in average salaries, up 27.9% from \$55,223 in 1995 to \$70,621 in 1998. The national average base salary for golf course superintendents rose to \$53,205 in 1998. This represents a 19.5% increase since 1993 and a 7% increase since 1995.

Experience and education continue to be significant factors driving salary increases. Certified superintendents with more than twenty years experience received an average of 17.9% increase from 1995 to 1998, and certified superintendents with 15 - 19 years experience received an average 17.3% salary increase. These increases were significantly more than the national average of 10.4% for all certified golf course superintendents during the same period and a 7% increase for all superintendents.

Assistant superintendents salaries have also increased to \$27,981 in 1998, from \$25,053 in 1995. This 12% increase is consistent with the average increase for superintendents during the same time frame.

Reprints of the GCSAA analysis or copies of the complete *1995 & 1998 Trends in Compensation and Benefits for Golf Course Superintendents* are available from GCSAA Career Development Department by calling (800) 472-7878 ext. 655.

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FYI

All superintendents fighting Grey Leaf Spot should note that Dr. Peter Dernoeden, University of Maryland, says Grey Leaf Spot will be active in this area until the first hard frost. *Heritage* seems to be the best preventative. Dr. Dernoeden suggests tank mixing *Heritage* and Chlorothalonil at high rates for treating active disease.

Dr. Dernoeden can be reached at (301) 405-1337 for further information.

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