

PICNIC IS A HUGE SUCCESS

On July 19, 2006, the MAAGCS sponsored the first picnic in conjunction with the University of Maryland Turfgrass Research Field Day. The Research Field Day is hosted by our own turf professors at their research facility near the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Center. General Turfgrass tours and workshops were held in the morning oriented more towards lawn care, sod farms, etc and this was followed by a great lunch featuring pit beef, turkey and ham. Following lunch, a GPS workshop was held addressing the usefulness of using GPS technology in the application of pesticides and fertilizers. This technology is already in use in some areas of the country and it is only a matter of time before we are using the same technology for our applications.

At 3:00, a special tour oriented towards golf course superintendents was conducted where research was reviewed that is being done in areas of varietal selections of grasses, control studies of existing pesticides, use of new products, etc. In spite of the heat that day and the two weeks prior, attendance easily topped 100 people. After the tour, a spectacular picnic was offered to all those in attendance at no cost because of the generosity of many of our commercial people. The volunteers are too numerous to mention but suffice it to say that this was truly a joint effort by University staff and personnel, commercial people and superintendents to provide an educational as well as enjoyable day for golf course superintendents. If you were unable to come, you missed out on a great day and the MAAGCS hopes that you can come in the future. The MAAGCS would also like to extend a special thank you to all of those who came out to support the University of Maryland.

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