

Cut Field Care Costs

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Saving time and money are major issues for Fred Feudale, turf manager at Elon College in North Carolina. Traditionally, Feudale, like most college-level sports turf managers, lined his football field and soccer fields two or three times a week to accommodate the rotation of varsity and underclass team games.

Rapid turf growth and the necessary, regular mowing schedule meant much of the paint was clipped off - and more of his crew member's time was needed for repainting.

For his bermudagrass fields, Feudale mixed the PGR Primo[®] into his field paint at the ratio of

one fluid ounce per gallon of finished paint. Crews could mow right over the lines without affecting the painted turf, allowing Feudale to eliminate two to three paintings a month. He'd reduced the crew labor hours needed for field painting and saved costs of additional paint.

Some PGRs (called Type D) inhibit cell division and plant growth. Other PGRs (called Type II) interfere with gibberellic acid biosynthesis, which reduces growth and shortens stem (internode) elongation. Your supplier can help guide you to the best choice for your own field pattern use.



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