

Editor's update

Where we stand

by Todd Natkin

During my first few months at *Turf Grass Trends* I have had the opportunity to examine many of the issues facing the turf grass management community and to consider how best they should be reported to you, our readers. Here are a few of the changes that we hope to make and that you should be seeing in the next few months.



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First, *Turf Grass Trends* will adjust its editorial schedule to give you the latest news about turf grass management on a seasonally adjusted basis. Stories relating to summer turf grass issues will be published earlier in the spring to allow you to make the best use of this information when it is most needed. Issues of importance during the winter months will appear in the early fall.

Turf Grass Trends will put the information you need into your hands before you actually need it. A feature which we hope to publish each month starts with this issue. Our Ask the Expert feature addresses three issues presented to us by our subscribers.

Turf Grass Trends is published to help you with complex turf grass management issues and each month we would like to publish questions of general interest along with the responses provided by our panel of experts. In order to do this, however, we need those questions. Please send them to us using one of the methods listed in our Ask the Expert information box in this issue. While we cannot answer each question individually, we will publish in-depth responses monthly for the benefit of all our readers.

Coming soon: cumulative index

In our October 1994 issue *Turf Grass Trends* published an index of articles every issue since its inception.

We are preparing a cumulative subject index to make *Turf Grass Trends* your one-stop research library for turf grass management issues. And, most importantly, those back issues are still available from the publisher. Until that subject matter index is published, however, we can check our back issue records for any subject issue which might be of interest — please call, write, or e-mail if we can help you with any turf grass management problem.

Major regulatory changes coming

Turf Grass Trends will provide you with extensive coverage of the upcoming renewal and revision of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act [FIFRA] as well as an expected overhaul of the major EPA regulations affecting turf grass pesticides. The proposed EPA regulations, which are expected in early 1995, may result in entirely new strategies for turf grass pest management and you can be sure that we will keep you informed as soon as the proposed regulations are published for public comment.

The future of turf management

In this issue we welcome a new contributor: Joel Simmons, president of Earthworks Natural Organic Products of Martins Creek, PA. We also present Christopher Sann's view of turf management developments well into the 21st century. As a turf grass professional, Sann is already thinking about how his business will evolve to handle the problems of the future and how all turf grass managers will make best use of new technology. Of course, you can count on *Turf Grass Trends* to be one of your primary turf grass management tools so long as there is turf grass to manage.

Turf Grass Trends is here to help you

Our goal is to make *Turf Grass Trends* an indispensable knowledge base for turf grass managers.

As you can see from our index in the October 1994 issue, we have already achieved coverage of many important turf grass issues. And each subject will be revisited whenever advances in technology or techniques become available to our community. ■

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