

From the Editor

I'm pleased that I'll be able to work with you through these pages. I've been in the turfgrass education business for nearly 30 years and have seen a fair amount of change.

Turfgrass management is not as simple as it was when I started. We've learned



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so much more about the turfgrass plant and what it takes to make it perform. We have many new varieties of each turfgrass species. Each performs a little bit differently under the same growing

conditions. We need to understand these differences so that we can make the best choice.

The whole issue of pesticide use and the environment has encouraged all of us to learn more about pest organisms and to completely evaluate both chemical and non-chemical control tech-

niques. Each year many new materials, including fertilizers, pesticides, soil amendments, plant growth control chemicals, and so on, are placed on the market for you to buy. How can we tell the real from the fake or the good from the bad? There is really only one way and that is through research. Research is simply a technique that can be used to separate fact from fiction. Research is the greatest way to help us make the right choice.

Our job is to find and print in these pages the kind of research that will help you to make your choices. The bottom line is that it is your turf and your business...all we can do is try our best to get you the information that you need.

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