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The goal of this newsletter is to provide international turf specialists with a network for current information about turf. It is FAXed to all Institute Affiliates that utilize the ISTI technical assistance services on an annual basis. Your comments, suggestions, and requests are welcome. Start a permanent file for your ISTI TURFAX issues.

Enquiries have been received from individuals wishing to receive TURFAX™. A decision will be made this summer regarding expansion beyond the Institute Affiliates. The non-affiliates could only receive the TURFAX™ service on a subscription basis.

JB COMMENTS:

There are a great number of "biostimulants" and "organically correct" products being introduced into the turf market. In assessing these products, be sure to carefully read the stated uses and benefits **as they appear on the official label**. Don't be fooled by the more general claims in the accompanying promotional brochures.

Also, ask if **published, peer reviewed**, comparative research data are available from a reputable independent agency. Any research is not complete until it has been (a) critically reviewed and approved by 3 to 6 independent scientists and (b) published in a reputable scientific journal.

Determine if practical, replicated (3 to 5 reps) field research on turfgrasses has been conducted, preferably over **3 to 5 years? Four years is a minimum** for new turfgrass cultivars and root zones.

Also, don't be fooled by the statement "State University is testing." It may just mean that a salesman dropped a bag off while the lead scientist was out-of-town. I know, as it has happened to me.

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