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EXPO 2006: DECEMBER 5-7 ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

School IPM Session to be held Tuesday afternoon, December 5, 2006
Pesticide credits available for all sports field managers sessions

Brad Park*

The 31st Annual New Jersey Turf and Landscape Conference and Expo will be held December 5-7, 2006 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ. Expo 2006 is proudly presented by New Jersey Turfgrass Association and New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association. Cooperating organizations include Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey, Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey, and Rutgers University.

The Expo 2006 sports field managers program will feature a School IPM session on Tuesday afternoon, December 5, from 1:00-4:00 pm. The concept for this session began at last year's Expo following a talk on the NJ School IPM law. Numerous questions were raised and

confusion and aggravation were the overwhelming tone of the discussion. Recognizing the need to bring clarification to this controversial subject, an entire afternoon has been devoted to School IPM. The IPM session will begin with talks describing how to implement conventional turfgrass and indoor IPM practices. A representative from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will follow and will be taking questions on the current School IPM law. Lastly, a panel consisting of New Jersey sports field managers will provide insight as to how they notify school faculty and staff, students, and parents prior to making pesticide applications on the school properties for which they are responsible and conform to the current law.

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The Field of the Year for 2006 will be awarded at SFMANJ's Annual Business Meeting as part of Expo 2006 on Wednesday, December 6 at 1:00 pm. Terrier Field (see above) at Delaware Valley Regional High School, Frenchtown, NJ was awarded the Field of the Year in 2005.



The New Jersey School IPM Law has been a source of confusion for many sports field managers responsible for school grounds in the Garden State. Expo 2006 has dedicated an entire afternoon session towards helping practitioners understand and conform to this law. The session will be held as part of the New Jersey Turf and Landscape Conference and Expo 2006 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City. See inside for a complete schedule.