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SPRING FIELD DAY 2007: South River, NJ and Rutgers Hort, Farm II

*The 2006 Field of the Year and Rutgers Turfgrass Research Facility to host SFMANJ Field Day.
NJ DEP Pesticide Credits will be available.*

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Central Jersey will be the epicenter of Sports Field Manager Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) Spring Field activities in 2007. The Association's 2006 Field of the Year, awarded to Edward A. Grekoski Park, South River, NJ, will be hosting the morning sessions of Spring Field Day 2007. The highlights of the morning session include a facility tour given by Bob Walker, South River, DPW. The President of the South River Baseball Club praised Bob's Field of the Year winning work at the Edward A. Grekoski Park baseball field by saying, ". . .there is not another field here in Middlesex County that compares to what we have here in South River."

Also scheduled for the morning sessions include a trade show, discussion on interpreting a soil test report based on the results of soil testing conducted at the Edward A. Grekoski Park baseball field, equipment demonstrations, and talks focused on infield grooming, skin surface conditioners, and baseball diamond set-up.

The field day will then move to Rutgers Hort, Farm II, North Brunswick, NJ where lunch will be served and afternoon educational sessions have been planned.

A new wear machine developed at Rutgers will be demonstrated as part of presentation detailing ongoing turfgrass wear tolerance research. New tall fescue and perennial ryegrass variety options will all be discussed.

The final hour of the day will be brought inside the Rutgers Geiger Center for talks on spring weed control strategies and the safe handling of pesticides. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJ DEP) has awarded one (1) core credit and one (1) category 3B credit for those certified pesticide applicators in attendance.



A new machine equipped with rubber paddles has been developed at Rutgers University to uniformly apply wear to turfgrass variety trials. Both operating speed and paddle rpm can be controlled with this unit. It will be demonstrated as part of the SFMANJ Spring Field afternoon session at Rutgers Hort, Farm II on April 12, 2007.



The baseball field at Edward A. Grekoski Park, South River, NJ will host the morning sessions of the SFMANJ Spring Field Day on April 12, 2007. This field was selected as the SFMANJ 2006 Field of the Year.

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