

# UPDATE



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## RUTGERS LAWN, LANDSCAPE AND SPORTS TURF FIELD DAY: SFMANJ to Sponsor Equipment Demonstrations at Rutgers Adelphia Turfgrass Research Farm ~SAVE THE DATE – August 1, 2007~

### *Brad Park*

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ) will once again collaborate with the New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA) and Rutgers University to take part in the annual Rutgers Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Turf Field Day at the Rutgers Adelphia Turfgrass Research Farm in Adelphia, NJ. Both a morning trade show and equipment demonstrations will be sponsored by SFMANJ.

This is a great opportunity for SFMANJ members and other Green Industry professionals to network with peers and industry representatives, examine the latest product offerings at the trade show, see the latest sports field and landscape equipment in action during the demonstration period, and learn about selecting and managing turfgrass. Pesticide credits will be available to those certified applicators in attendance.

### The schedule for August 1 is as follows:

7:30 am	Registration and Trade Show Opening
8:45 am	Welcome
9:00 am	Research Tours
11:00 am	Lunch and trade show
12:00 pm	SFMANJ Equipment Demonstrations
2:00 pm	Research Tours
3:00 pm	Conclusion – pesticide credits

Look for registration materials in the mail. Online registration will be available in June 2007 at the NJTA website:  
[www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org)

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## Rutgers Turfgrass Club Tours Shea Stadium

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The Rutgers Turfgrass Club was provided the unique opportunity to tour Shea Stadium, home of the New York Mets, on April 20, 2007. Shea Stadium, located in Flushing, NY opened in 1964 and has an immaculate playing surface managed by Bill Deacon, Head Groundskeeper.

As part of the tour, Deacon described the pre- and post-game irrigation tactics he employs to manage the infield skin. The turfgrass at Shea is a blend Kentucky bluegrass; the entire turf surface was re-sodded last fall. A great "take-home" lesson for the students was Deacon's thoroughness in selecting the Kentucky bluegrass sod for the ballpark. Deacon visited the New Jersey sod farm where the Kentucky bluegrass was grown to inspect the sod for overall turfgrass quality as well as annual bluegrass contamination prior to harvesting.

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*Shea Stadium was used as a staging area for the relief efforts following the September 11, 2001 attacks at the World Trade Center. The Rutgers Turf Club had the opportunity to tour Shea Stadium on April 20, 2007 and attend the ballgame that evening, compliments of Head Groundskeeper, Bill Deacon and the New York Mets.*