

# What's a Field Day?

By Pedro Perdomo

*Editor's note:*

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As a Rutgers grad and member of New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA), I have been to many field days over the years. While having a conversation with a friend recently, I came to realize that there are still a few people that have not attended and are not familiar with what field day has to offer. I thought I would take a few lines to give an overview and encourage all interested parties to attend.

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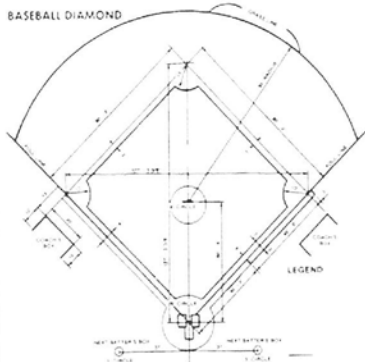
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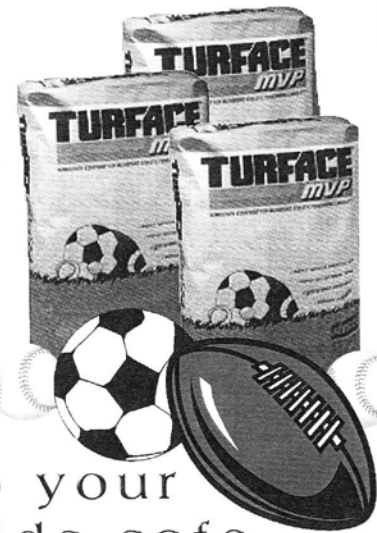
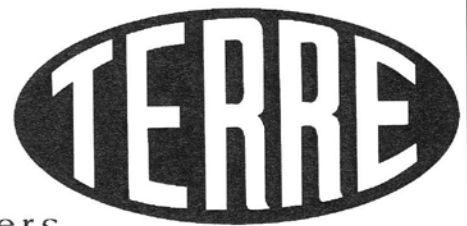
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are answered here. The researchers will highlight what they have found and what are other questions still need to be answered. For those of you needing pesticide credits you will find a healthy amount of pesticide credits for New Jersey and many neighboring states.

If you get the opportunity to attend this year make sure you bring your questions. You may also want to bring a notepad to write down all of the tips that you will get during the day. Also, bring your appetite because the barbeque style lunch has become a field day tradition. And save room for the brownies.

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