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RUTGERS

LAWN, LANDSCAPE AND SPORTS TURF FIELD DAY

Including SFMANJ-Sponsored Table Top Trade Show

SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday,
July 31, 2013

NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR 2013: Rutgers Hort Farm II, North Brunswick, NJ

By Brad Park, Rutgers University

In what has become an annual tradition, the New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA), Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ), and Rutgers University will once again collaborate to hold the Rutgers Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Turf Field Day. Due to facility renovation and upgrades at the Adelphia Research Farm, this year's event will be held at Rutgers Hort Farm II, North Brunswick, NJ on **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**.

A table top trade show will be sponsored and administered by SFMANJ and is open to all vendors who sell products and services to the Green Industry. Coffee, bagels, Danish pastries, etc. will be served during the trade show. The trade show provides a great opportunity for attendees to network with other Green Industry professionals and examine the latest product offerings from Industry-supporting vendors. **NOTE: There will be no equipment demonstrations as part of the Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day at Hort. Farm II in 2013.**

After opening remarks from Rutgers University representatives, the education portion of the program will begin at 9:00 am. Groups will rotate between three 17-minute tour stops per hour. Each stop will consist of turfgrass education. There will be four 3-stop rotations between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Rutgers Horticultural (Hort.) Research Farm II is home of golf and sports turf focused research conducted by the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Rutgers Turf Center faculty and staff describe turfgrass field trials examining turfgrass variety performance under traffic stresses, minimum inputs, and new varieties and experimental selections of the major cool-season turfgrass species.

Turfgrass fungicide and herbicide trials are annually conducted by Rutgers Faculty at Hort Farm II and will be included as educational tour stops. Stark contrasts between effective and ineffective treatments are often visually apparent in these trials providing attendees with useful information on product selection, application timings, and application rates.

Following the turfgrass education, a fine lunch will be served to all of those in attendance. The trade show will also be open during this time. Following lunch, New Jersey DEP pesticide recertification credits, and credits from neighboring states per approval, will be available to attendees.

After lunch attendees will have the option to attend training for Fertilizer Applicator Certification. Attendees may then take a paper-based version of the Certification exam for \$75.00.

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Practical sports field education was a part of the SFMANJ Spring Field Day at Northern Burlington Regional High School on April 2, 2013.