



The effect of fertilization rate and frequency on the establishment of St. Augustinegrass was discussed.



Delegates showed much interest in Floratam, a new variety of St. Augustinegrass.

## Texas Turf Field Day Draws Over 150 People

Blue skies, warm weather and a record-breaking attendance of over 150 persons was the story behind the June 27 Turf Field Day held at Texas A&M University.

The Field Day was sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas A&M University's Soil and Crop Sciences Department and featured a tour of the turf research plots and the renova-

tion of the campus golf course.

Dr. Richard Duble of the experiment station discussed research on bentgrass management. Penncross bentgrass has been outstanding in comparison with Seaside, Emerald and several vegetative selections, he said. Management practices examined included fertilization, aerification, top-dressing and disease control. Two experimental bentgrass greens of 5000 and 8000 sq. ft. constructed according to USGA specifications are being utilized for this research.

Other topics discussed included

thatch control in bermudagrass, golf green construction, weed control and St. Augustinegrass establishment and maintenance.

The final session of the program consisted of a tour of the renovation and construction of the campus golf course. The golf course has been completely renovated and redesigned according to the instruction of Jack Burke, Jr., golf professional, Champion's Golf Club, Houston, Texas. Burke has volunteered his services to this entire project and plans call for a fall opening date for the new facility. □

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