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TURFGRASS

New grass from the Emerald Isle

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Logro, a dwarf variety of grass bred to grow not more than six inches high, is proving to be a boon to landscapers here. According to a press release, the grass is also being tested in Texas, parts of Canada, New Zealand and East Germany.

"Logro has a prostrate growth habit," says David Johnston, turf researcher for Queens University at the Horticultural and Plant Breeding Station in Loughgall, Northern Ireland. "It tends to grow horizontally along the ground with the result that there is good ground cover even after close mowing. It also maintains an attractive color, is disease-resistant and it needs to be cut about two-thirds as often as traditional types of grass. The potential for savings world-

wide is unlimited."

Herbicide-resistant varieties called Duchess and Countess are now being tested.

"Both varieties will give a magnificent green sward of almost 100 percent purity," Johnston continues. "And recent trials in Texas have confirmed that Duchess leads the field in terms of heat tolerance."

He sees money-saving uses for Logro on golf courses, athletic fields, schools grounds, office complexes, roadsides, cemeteries and airports. □

LANDSCAPING

ALCA study analyzes costs

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — A recent nationwide study reveals that cash flow is the most critical factor in the success of a landscape management company.

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