

Coring, Topdressing, and Organic Management
a closer look at tines and sand incorporation

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OM accumulates as sand greens age

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8.5 year-old turf

Mat Layer

Root Zone

Sand

Sand + 20% Sphagnum

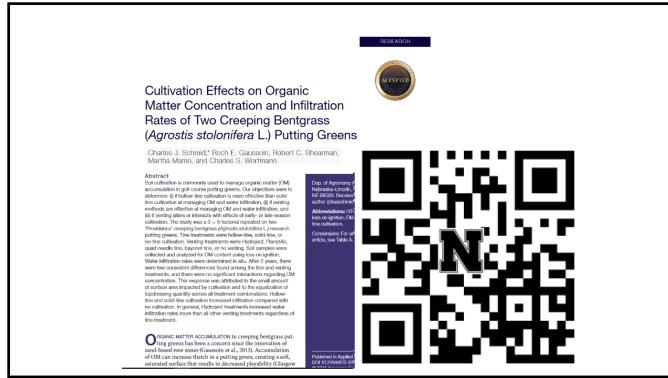
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Practices to change thatch into mat include topdressing and ...

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... cultivation.

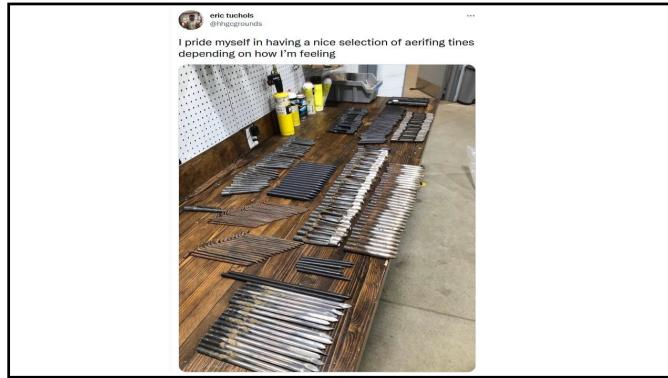
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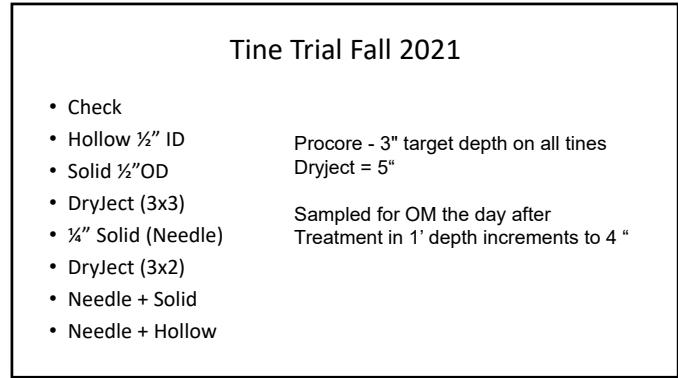
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Tine Trial Fall 2021

- Check
 - Hollow ½" ID
 - Solid ½"OD
 - DryJect (3x3)
 - ¼" Solid (Needle)
 - DryJect (3x2)
 - Needle + Solid
 - Needle + Hollow

Procore - 3" target depth on all tines
Dryject = 5"

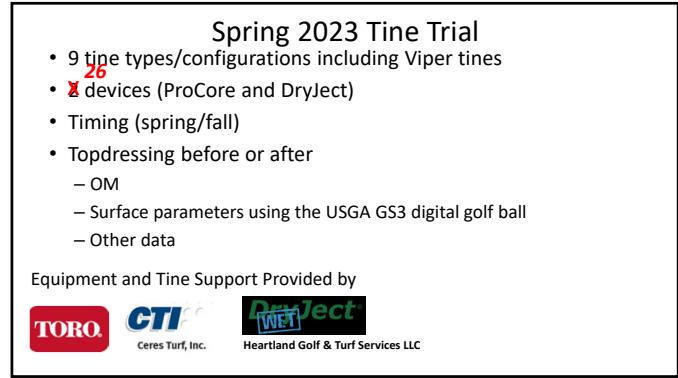
Sampled for OM the day after
Treatment in 1' depth increments to 4 "

Treatment	% OM 0-4"	
Check	4.5	a
Hollow	3.7	b
Needle	3.1	c
DryJect (3x3)	2.7	d
Needle + Hollow	2.3	d
DryJect (3x2)	2.3	d
Needle + Solid	2.3	d
Solid	2.2	d

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Spring 2023 Tine Trial

- 9 tine types/configurations including Viper tines
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 - X devices (ProCore and DryJect)
 - Timing (spring/fall)
 - Topdressing before or after
 - OM
 - Surface parameters using the USGA GS3 digital golf ball
 - Other data

Equipment and Tine Support Provided by



Heartland Golf & Turf Services LLC

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Treatments (Oct 3 except DryJect on Oct 16)

- Main Plots (42' X 60' with a 6' border between)
 - 1. Topdress before tines with 0.25"(0.125 on October 2023) on surface (equates to 1 (1/2 fall) ton/1000 ft² or 20 ft³/1000ft²)
 - 2. Topdress after tines
- Sub-plots (tine treatments) set at 3" depth
 - 1. 5/8" Viper Nose™
 - 2. 1/2" Viper Nose™
 - 3. 3/8" solid
 - 4. ½" solid cross
 - 5. Untined control
 - 6. ¼" solid
 - 7. .50" solid
 - 8. 3/8" hollow, side eject
 - 9. 1/2" solid cross
 - 10. .75" solid slicing
 - 11. 1/2" hollow, tapered
 - 12. 1/2" hollow side eject
 - 13. DryJect 3X3
 - 14. Untined Control
 - 15. DryJect 2X3

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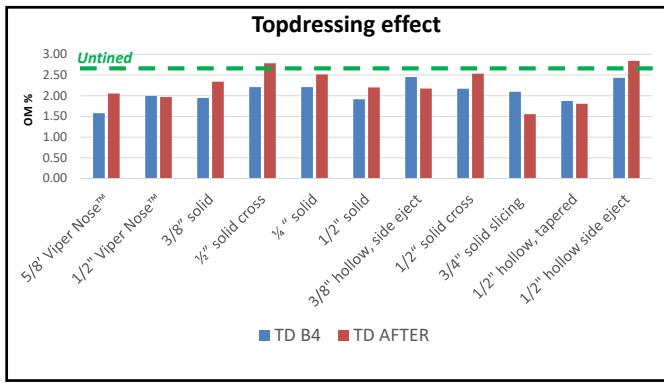
Data Collection

- Organic matter, 3-5 days after treatment
- Infiltration approx. weekly
- NDVI (cover measured digitally) every few days
- Firmness
- Surface Moisture 0-3'; 3-6"
- GS3
—Ball roll
—Smoothness
—Trueness

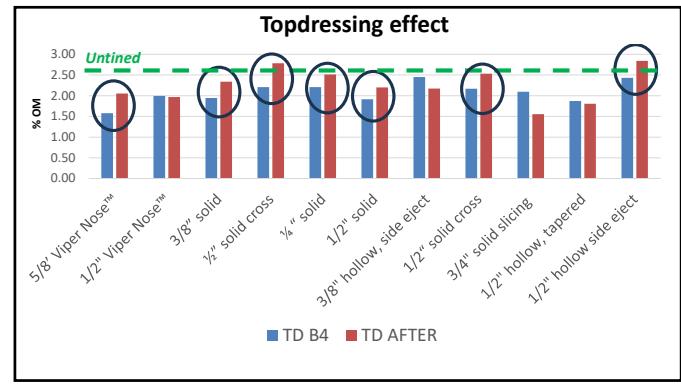
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2023 Data Results								
ANOVA	10-Oct	18-Oct	21-Oct	26-Oct	%OM	9-Oct	16-Oct	25-Oct
Effect	NDVI-1	NDVI-2	NDVI-3	NDVI-4	Infil-1	Infil-2	Infil-3	
Topdressing (TD)	0.1161	0.5583	0.6987	0.2785	0.0466	0.3444	0.188	0.1061
Tine TRT	<.0001	0.0049	0.0353	0.114	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001	<.0001
TD*TRT	0.0761	0.925	0.2796	0.1175	0.0107	0.1	0.0076	0.4673

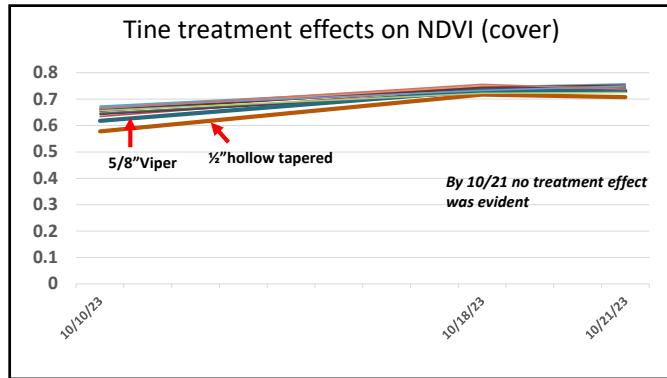
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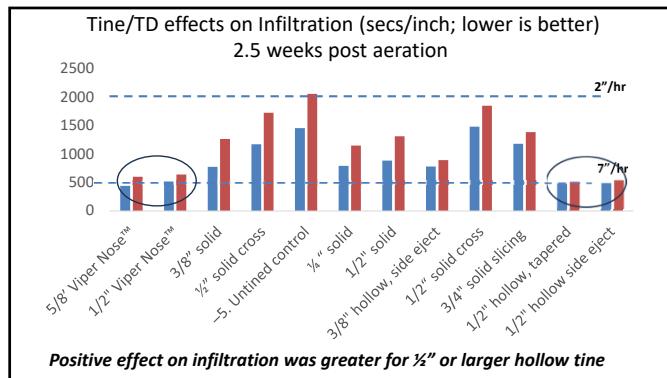
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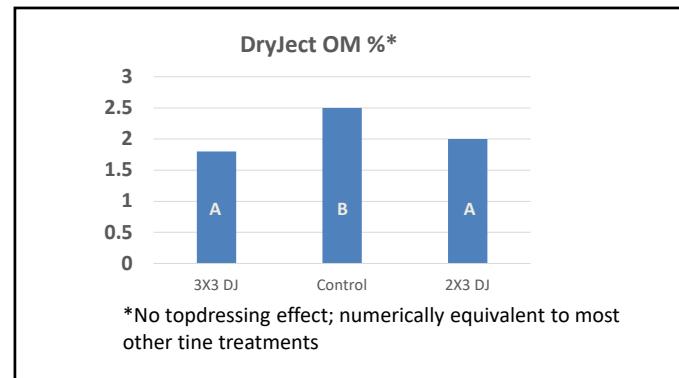
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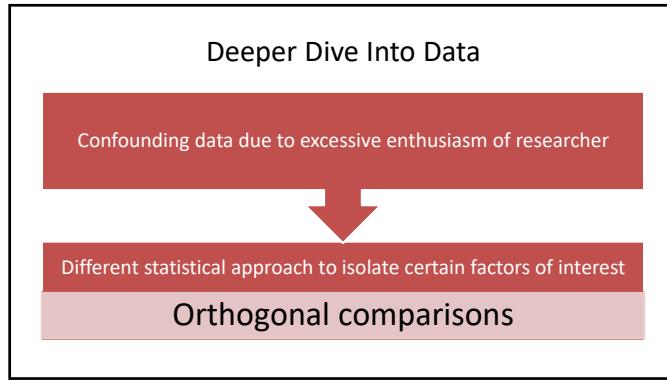
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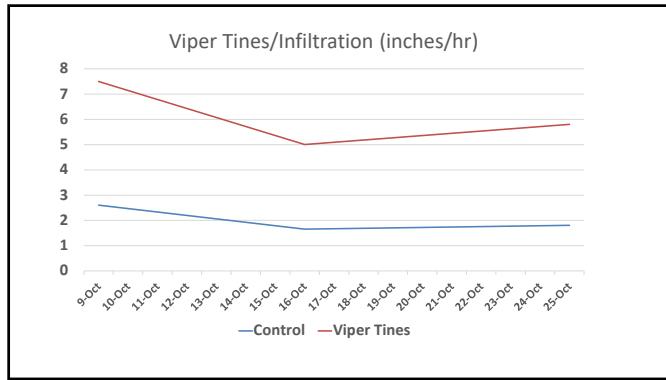
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1/2 Solid	1/2 Hollow
% OM	
1.8	2.4
Oct-25 Infiltration	
1/2 Solid	1/2 Hollow
Inch/hr	
2.8	6.6

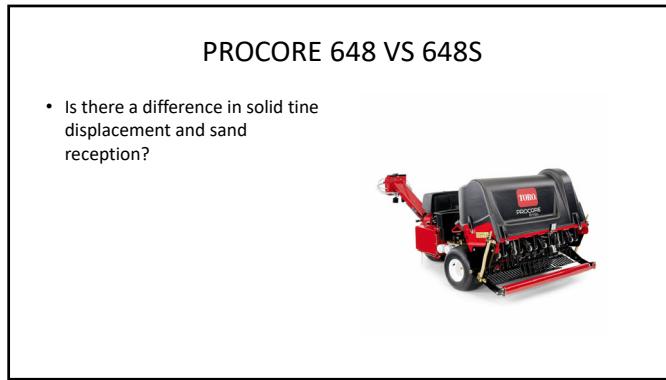
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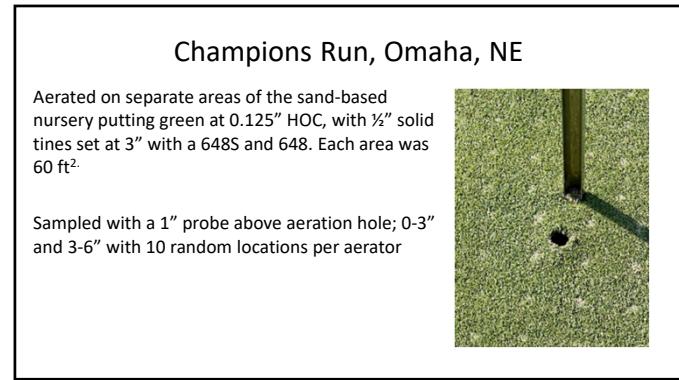
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- ### Early Results
- Lots of stuff going on
 - Topdressing before aeration, even with some hollow tines can incorporate more sand
 - Higher and prolonged infiltration greater for hollow tines $\frac{1}{2}$ " or larger than solid tines
 - Viper tines had greatest increase in infiltration over time than any other tine
 - More to come (Phoenix, GCSAA, Power Hour)

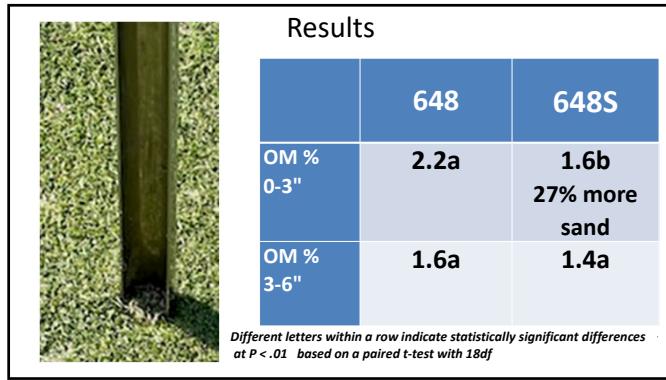
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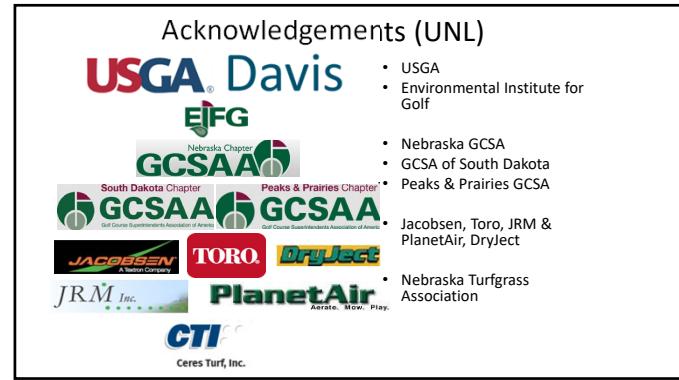
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