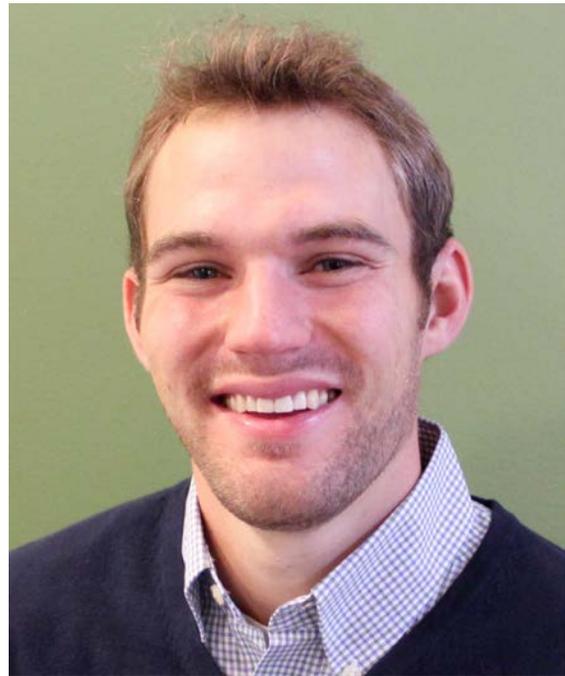


**Meet Benjamin Van Ryzin**  
**December 14, 2016**

If you attend turf conference next month, you'll likely run into a new member of our turfgrass science team – Benjamin Van Ryzin. Ben will serve as a research technologist in our lab, and will be a large part of our concerted research effort moving forward.

Ben grew up in Madison, Wisconsin where he enjoyed experiencing the diverse wildlife habitats that surrounded the city. This love of nature led Ben to study biology as an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During his undergraduate studies, Ben developed an appreciation for turfgrass science from observing the environmental, social, and economic benefits well-managed golf courses provide, and subsequently decided to pursue a M.S. degree in turfgrass (plant) pathology at North Carolina State University. After completing his M.S. in May 2016, Ben worked as a research scientist at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where he managed contracted fungicide efficacy trials, diagnosed turfgrass disease samples, and presented research results to turf industry stakeholders at the University of Minnesota research field day.



Ben joined us at the end of October, and is already contributing to our research and extension efforts. At UNL, Ben will supervise and assist undergraduate and graduate student researchers in our lab, conduct herbicide/fungicide efficacy trials, and conduct soil testing and help diagnose turfgrass diseases for professional turfgrass managers. If you come across Ben, please help us welcome him.

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