

**Thompson to Join UNL Turf Faculty
April 26, 2016**

Dr. Cole Thompson eagerly joins the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture faculty this July as the new Integrated Turfgrass Management Specialist. Cole comes to UNL after working for two years as an Assistant Professor of Turfgrass and Landscape Physiology at California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo. In this previous position, Cole had a primary teaching role, but is excited to get back to his extension and research roots. His expertise in applied turfgrass pathology and weed science compliments the existing skills of the UNL Turf Program.



A native of Beloit, KS, Cole received his advanced degrees from Kansas State University. His Master's Degree research focused on silvery-thread moss control on putting greens and creeping bentgrass cultivar susceptibility to dollar spot. His Ph.D. research focused on management and control of rough bluegrass (*Poa trivialis*), a challenging weed to control in turf. Cole's applied industry experience comes from his previous work as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent and an internship with the USGA. Cole has a positive, resourceful, and congenial attitude and will be a great addition to the UNL turf program. We are very excited to have him at UNL where he will jump right in and make a positive impact on our turf extension, research, and teaching programs.

Please join us in welcoming Cole to Nebraska this summer. Cole officially starts July 1, so you'll have the opportunity to meet him at Field Day on July 20th.

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