

**NTA Summer Turf Field Day a Success**

July 31, 2015

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2015 Summer Turf Field Day. We were fortunate to have fantastic weather which was a pleasant change from the steamy July conditions. We had 200+ attendees there to view the latest research from UNL and visit with vendors at the trade show. Preliminary survey results indicate that 85% of attendees believe summer field day will improve the efficiency of their operation. If you missed out this year, then watch for an announcement to view the presentations online in early August. Unfortunately we can't provide those legendary Wahoo Wieners from the Wahoo Meat Locker to the online audience. Nearly all of the attendees plan to be there next summer on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark your calendar if you missed out this year.

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Dr. Roch Gaussoin, Department Head of Agronomy and Horticulture, welcomed the 200+ attendees to the 2015 Summer Field Day. He also announced that we've received approval to hire an Integrated Turfgrass Management Professor next year.

Photo: Luqi Li

M.S. student, Luqi Li, gave a great presentation on effective control of yellow nutsedge. Survey results show that most attendees found his presentation very informative and useful. 80% of respondents said they will use the information he provided to manage yellow nutsedge on their properties.

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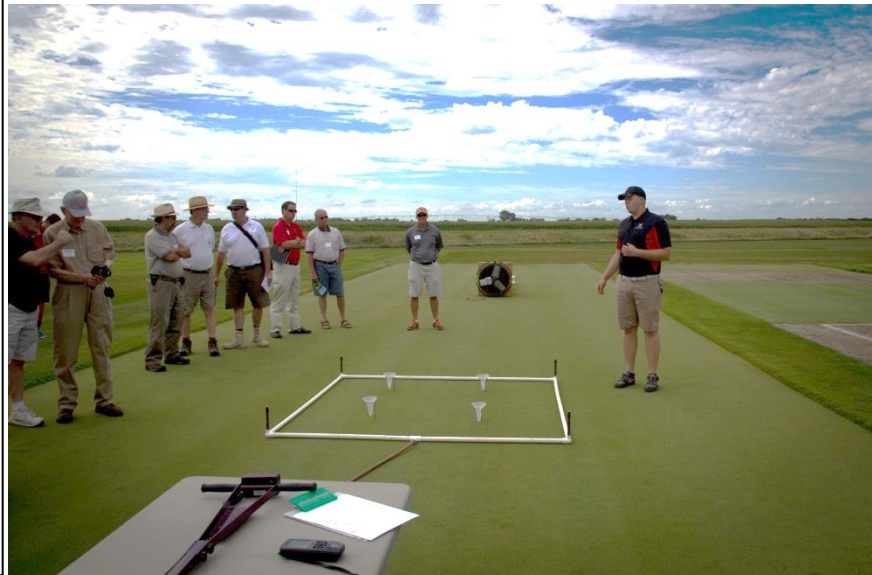


Matt Sousek did a fantastic job preparing the JSA Turf Research Center for his first Field Day as the newly hired station manager. The facility was in amazing shape. He also provided a very popular talk about seeding into preemergence herbicides.

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Graduate student, Darrell Michael, gave a talk about ways to improve irrigation efficiency through use of new technology. There are better ways to maximize efficiency than calculating system distribution uniformity with catch cans. Dr. Massengale, Director of the Center for Grassland Studies, was using a FLIR camera to find hot spots.

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Keenan Amundsen led a talk about turfgrass improvement during the morning and the Lawn Care Tour in the afternoon. Topics covered included NTEP tall fescue evaluations, brown patch control, buffalograss traffic tolerance and optimum mowing height and frequency for tall fescue turf.

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Bill Kreuser spent the morning discussing optimum use of wetting agents on sand-based turf and led the afternoon Golf Tour. Topics on the golf tour included PGR GDDs, pigment use under different growing environments, winterkill recovery BMPs and bermudagrass survival with covers in Nebraska (shown right).

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