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The Kansas Turf and Ornamentals Field Day program is designed for all segments of the turf and ornamentals industry — lawn care, athletic fields, golf courses, sod farms, landscape contractors, nursery growers, and grounds maintenance. Included on the program are research presentations, problem diagnosis, commercial exhibits, and equipment displays. There will be time to see current research, talk to the experts, and get the answers to your questions.

We hope to see you on **Thursday, August 6!**

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Thursday

August 6, 2026

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KANSAS TURFGRASS FOUNDATION

Kansas Turf & Ornamentals Field Day
August 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. Registration (coffee, donuts)
Visit Exhibitors
8:45 a.m. Welcome

9:00 a.m. **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- **NTEP Tall Fescue and Bermudagrass Trials**
  — Dr. A.J. Lindsey
  These National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials are testing cultivar performance under zero irrigation. See which entries maintain quality, color, and persistence under water-limited conditions.

- **Disease Management in Turf and Ornamentals**
  — Judy O'Mara
  Get the latest information on turf and ornamental diseases observed this season. Learn about environmental drivers and management practices to reduce disease pressure.

- **Turfgrass Cultivation Tips** *— Dr. Ross Braun*
  A little thatch is good, but over half an inch can be problematic. Learn how aerification and other key cultivation practices can prevent buildup, cure existing issues, and keep your turf resilient.

- **Summertime Turf Weed Control Tips**
  — Dr. Aaron Patton (Purdue University)
  Good turf practices—proper irrigation, fertilization, aerification, mowing, and species selection—help prevent weeds, but some still invade. Learn how to control crabgrass, goosegrass, yellow nutsedge, and prostrate spurge, including product selection, application strategies, and tank-mixing options.

- **Annual Flower Trial, Mulch Trial, and Water-Wise Landscapes** *— Matthew McKernan, Brenna Johnson, Alex Stanton, Dr. Cheryl Boyer*
  Explore annual flower trials to identify top performing selections for Kansas landscapes, then learn how mulch type and management affect soil moisture and temperature. Compare plant palettes under irrigation levels ranging from minimal to maximal.

- **Insect Management in Turf and Ornamentals**
  — Dr. Raymond Cloyd
  Review key insect pests affecting turfgrass and ornamental plants in Kansas. We will discuss identification, life cycles, and integrated management strategies.

- **Ornamental Tree Evaluations**
  — Dr. Jason Griffin
  Observe tree trials focused on adaptability and performance across diverse Kansas conditions. We will highlight promising selections and discuss establishment and pest management considerations.

- **Managing Small Vertebrate Pests**
  — Dr. Drew Ricketts
  This stop will cover practical approaches to managing moles and other small vertebrate pests in turf and landscapes. Learn to identify activity and select effective, responsible control methods.

Extra available stops: Cut-flower production (sunflowers), industrial hemp, and woody plant propagation (Burr Oak and male Eastern Redcedar).

Box lunches will be available to take as you leave after the tour. You are welcome to explore!

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1 hr in 3B and 1hr in 3A
.25 GCSAA education points
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VENDORS

Exhibitors can set up the day before. Please contact HNR Extension at HNRExtDir@ksu.edu if you are interested.

Kansas Turf and Ornamentals Field Day Registration Form

_____ Number of persons attending field day
x $35.00 per person (includes lunch)

_____ **Lunch Sponsor** @ $250 (includes registration)

Name(s) of individuals attending field day:

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