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This field day program is designed for all segments of the turf and ornamentals industry — lawn care, athletic fields, golf courses, nursery, landscape, and grounds maintenance. Included on the program are research presentations, problem diagnosis, and commercial exhibits. 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 3!**

Jack Fry  
Extension Turfgrass Specialist

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# Turf & Ornamentals Field Day

**Thursday,  
August 3, 2023**



**K-State Research & Extension Center**  
35230 W. 135th  
Olathe, KS

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# Turf & Ornamentals Field Day August 3, 2023

8:00 a.m. Registration (coffee, donuts)

Visit Exhibitors

8:45 Welcome

## 9:00 Tour Highlights:

- ◆ **Fine Fescue and Tall Fescue NTEP Trials** —  
*Dr. Ross Braun*  
See and hear about the latest cultivar evaluations in both fine fescue and tall fescue trials and the important cultivar selection to help reduce your management inputs and improve stress tolerance of your turfgrass.
- ◆ **Turf & Ornamental Disease Update** —  
*Dr. Megan Kennelly*  
In this stop we will talk about all the turf and ornamental hot topics from 2023.
- ◆ **New Zoysia Cultivars on the Way Out!** —  
*Dr. Jack Fry*  
You'll see a recent zoysia cultivar release that was evaluated over 10 years in the transition zone and led by K-State, Texas A&M, and Purdue. In addition, you'll see varieties that will be out from other universities, and research that has been done here in Olathe.
- ◆ **Weed Control Update** — *Dani McFadden, Matt Giese*  
Hear about new herbicides that have entered the market in 2023. In addition, see a unique experiment that shows how effectively a new herbicide provides suppression of bermuda without injuring zoysia.
- ◆ **Pruning Priorities** — *Dennis Patton*  
Cutting tree branches is an art and a science. With a few tips, good pruning cuts can add value to your landscape projects rather than leaving unsightly stumps that can introduce diseases and insects.
- ◆ **We're all Recruiters!** — *Dr. Steve Keeley, Leann Cooper, Randy Robinson, Ethan Shamet*  
Get an update on undergraduates at K-State and how we can all help to improve student numbers and future employees.

- ◆ **Turf and Landscape Knowledge Equipment** —  
*Dr. Cheryl Boyer, Alex Stanton*  
Do you know about all the ways we share our research-based information related to horticulture and natural resources? Learn how we're making resources easy to find and use on topics ranging from recommended plants to pest and wildlife management, business practices, and worker protection.
- ◆ **Turf & Ornamental Insect Update** —  
*Dr. Raymond Cloyd*  
This stop will discuss the major insect and mite pests of turf and ornamental plants and how to best manage pest populations. Be sure to bring "bug" samples and questions.

**11:30** Box lunches will be provided for you.

### After lunch

#### **Pond Management**— *Dr. Joe Gerken*

Pond Management and Solar-Powered Irrigation — At the pond at the Olathe Center, Dr. Joe Gerken will explore common reasons for excessive growth of plants and algae in aquatic systems and discuss treatment options to control plant growth in your pond. In addition, Ben Burger will discuss how solar power is used to irrigate some areas out at the Olathe Center.

**Disc Golf**—Hear about disc golf and the course at the Olathe Center. If interested, bring your own discs and play after lunch (no charge). The K-State disc golf course has been highlighted as top-ranked among universities in the U.S.

### Lunch Sponsor

If you would like to help sponsor lunch, the cost is \$250. Signage will be at the lunch site, and recognition given to those sponsors the day of the event, on our website, and in the newsletter.

**Credit Hours:** Pesticide recertification credit hours for commercial pesticide applicators:

1 hr in 3B and 1hr in 3A

AND

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**VENDORS:** Exhibitors can set up the day before. Please contact Christy at (785) 532-6173 if you are interested.

# Turf & 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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