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The Kansas Turf & Ornamentals Field Day program is designed for all segments of the turf & ornamentals industry — lawn care, athletic fields, golf courses, sod farms, landscape, nursery, 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 7!**



Jack Fry  
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**Thursday,  
August 7, 2025**



**Rocky Ford Turf Research Center  
(1700 Barnes Rd.)  
Manhattan, KS**

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# Kansas Turf & Ornamentals Field Day

## August 7, 2025

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

Visit Exhibitors

8:45 a.m. Welcome

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

- ◆ **NTEP Cool-Season Grasses** — *Dr. Ross Braun*  
We are conducting several National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials to compare the performance of new grass cultivars against older ones over a five-year period at Rocky Ford. Join us to learn about the latest evaluations of tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, and other trials.
- ◆ **Turf and Ornamental Disease Update** — *Dr. Megan Kennelly/Judy O'Mara*  
Come hear about ongoing turfgrass disease work and an update on 2025 hot topics and common problems in plant health.
- ◆ **Measuring Zoysiagrass, Buffalograss, and Bermudagrass Maintenance Inputs** — *Dr. Jack Fry*  
Hear about current USDA-funded research related to measuring the amount of mowing, fertilizer, and pesticide inputs of these warm-season turfgrasses and how you can possibly reduce maintenance inputs.
- ◆ **Turfgrass Seeding Tips** — *Parul Mandal*  
Stay updated on K-State research about coated turfgrass seed and seeding tips for cool- and warm-season grasses. With autumn approaching after field day, it's a great time to prepare for fall renovations and overseeding of cool-season turfgrasses.
- ◆ **Responses of Groundcovers and Turfgrass to Drought** — *Dr. Cody Domenghini*  
Learn about how nine groundcover and turfgrass species responded to severe drought in a greenhouse study.

- ◆ **Turf and Ornamental Insect Update** — *Dr. Raymond Cloyd*  
Come hear an update on insect and mite pests of ornamentals and turfgrass, including new insecticides and miticides and the common insect and mite pests of 2025. There will be lots of “bug” samples for everyone to see! Be sure to bring your own “bug” samples if you have any.
- ◆ **Drought Mitigation Strategies for Ornamentals**—*Dr. Cheryl Boyer and Alex Stanton*  
Managing water resources effectively is critical for sustainable ornamental landscapes. Learn about plant selection and irrigation strategies for beautiful low-water-use residential and commercial applications.
- ◆ **Aquatic Critters** — *Dr. Joe Gerken*  
Join us as we discuss common animals found near ponds and water features. Learn about the potential damage these critters may cause to vegetation and steps you can take to reduce these risks.

### 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

.25 GCSAA education points

### VENDORS

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

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## 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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**OR** you can register online at

<https://2025turfday.eventbrite.com>

**Please return by July 28 to:**

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**Questions?** - Call Christy at (785) 532-6173  
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