

# Disease Management for Turfgrasses

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## UPDATE ON NEW FUNGICIDES FOR TURFGRASS DISEASE CONTROL

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### Fungicide Chemical Families

- > Aromatic Hydrocarbons - ethazole, PCNB, chloroneb
- > Benzimidazoles - benomyl, thiophanate methyl
- > Carboxamides - flutolanil, carboxin, oxycarboxin, boscalid, penthiopyrad, fluxapyroxad
- > Demethylation Inhibitors (DMI) Fungicides - difenoconazole, triadimefon, propiconazole, cyproconazole, myclobutanil, tebuconazole, triticonazole, metconazole, fenarimol
- > Dicarboximides - iprodione, vinclozolin
- > Dithiocarbamates and carbamates- captan, maneb, mancozeb, propamocarb, thiram
- > Nitriles - chlorothalonil
- > Phenylamides - metalaxyl, mefanoxam
- > Phenyl pyridinamine - fluazinam
- > Phenylpyrrole - Medallion
- > Phosphonates - fosetyl Al, generic phosphite fungicides
- > Strobilurins (Qoi, methoxyacrylates)- azoxystrobin, trifloxystrobin, pyraclostrobin, fluoxastrobin..
- > Qii - cyazofamid (Segway) - now PBI Gordon
- > Carboxilic acid amide - fluopicolide (with propamocarb in Stellar)
- > Benzothiadiazole - acibenzolar-S-methyl (Daconil Action)

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### New Syngenta Fungicides

- ◆ "Appear" - 53.3% potassium phosphite; a 4.1 lb/gal formulation - 3-8 fl oz/1000 sq.ft.; Pythium diseases -
- ◆ "Secure" - 40% fluazinam as a 4.17 lb/gal FRAC group 29; 0.5 fl oz/1000 sq.ft. broad spectrum - *golf courses only*
- ◆ "Briskway" - 1.67 lb azoxystrobin + 1.05 lb difenoconazole/gal = 2.72 lb/gal broad spectrum premixture (rates 0.3-0.73 fl oz/1000 sq.ft.) - *golf course turf only*

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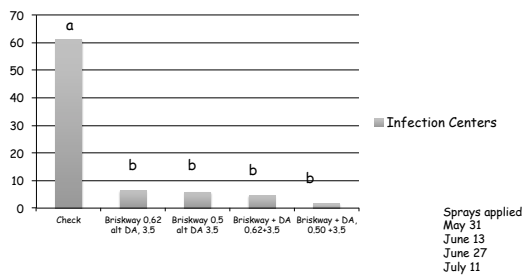
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### Curative Control of Dollar Spot in Crenshaw Bent 2012




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### New Fungicides - SDHI mode of Action

- ◆ SDHI = succinate dehydrogenase inhibitors. "Carboxamide" class
- ◆ Subgroupings are:
  - phenyl-benzamides (e.g. flutolanil)
  - phenyl- carboxamides (e.g. boscalid)
  - pyrazole-carboxamides (2 new ones)

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**SDHI Fungicides - FRAC code 7,  
medium resistance risk**

- penthiopyrad - "Velista" from DuPont, now being developed by Syngenta, marketing anticipated 2015
- fluxapyroxad - "Xzemplar" from BASF (tested as BAS 700) - *full use sites*
- BASF has developed a pre-mix of fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin (BAS 703) called "Lexicon" - *full use sites*

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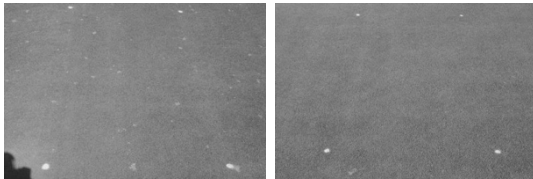
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**Xzemplar 0.262 oz/M**

May 30

June 13



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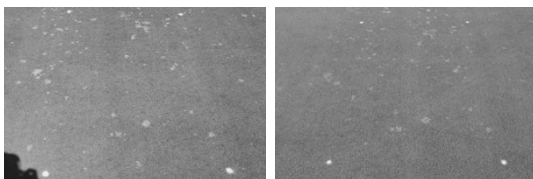
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**Velista, 0.5 oz/M**

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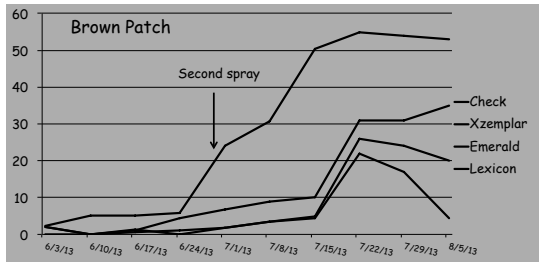
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### Xzemplar and Lexicon for Dollar Spot and Brown Patch - Residual Control



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### Know the Key Diseases on the Grass in Question -

- ◆ Centipedegrass - large patch, nematode infestations, fairy ring, 'centipede decline'
- ◆ St. Augustinegrass - large patch, gray leaf spot, take-all root rot
- ◆ Zoysiagrass - large patch, dollar spot, yellow patch, leaf spots
- ◆ Bermudagrass - dollar spot, spring dead spot, leaf spots
- ◆ Tall fescue - brown patch, Pythium blight, gray leaf spot, net blotch

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Brown Patch in Tall Fescue



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**Brown Patch in Cool-season Turfgrasses - Management**

- balanced fertility at pH optimum for the grass itself (based on soil test)
- improve air movement, sunlight penetration
- decrease leaf wetness by irrigation adjustments
- correct subsurface drainage problems if they exist
- avoid high N fertility during periods of heat stress
- improved cultivars for heat stress areas
- use of fungicides

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**Brown Patch in Cool-season Turfgrasses - fungicides**

- > triadimefon - Bayleton
- > propiconazole - Banner
- > myclobutanil - Eagle
- > vinclozolin - Curalan, etc
- > iprodione - Chipco 26019
- > thiophanate methyl - Cleary 3336 (only G formulation can be used by homeowners)
- > fluoxastrobin - DisArm, DisArm G, DisArm C
- > Fluxapyroxad - Xzemplar
- > Penthiopyrad - Velista
- > Fluazinam - Secure
- > chlorothalonil - Daconil, etc.
- > flutolanil - Prostar, Systar
- > mancozeb - Fore, Dithane
- > azoxystrobin - Heritage, Heritage G, Headway, Briskway, Strobe
- > trifloxystrobin - Compass
- > trifloxystrobin + triadimefon - Armada, Tartan
- > Pyraclostrobin - Insignia
- > Pyraclostrobin + boscalid - Honor
- > Pyraclostrobin + fluxapyroxad - Lexicon

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Pythium Blight

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### Pythium Blight Control

- ✓ Maintain soil moisture in adequate range for plant growth and soil pH in a more acid range; balanced adequate fertility
- ✓ Reduce leaf wetness by late night irrigations
- ✓ Use of fungicides:

- \* Subdue Maxx
- \* Banol (sod, golf onl)
- \* Phosphites
- \* Heritage
- \* Insignia
- \* DisArm
- \* Segway
- \* Stellar

*Note: mixtures of strobilurins also registered for Pythium although use sites vary.*

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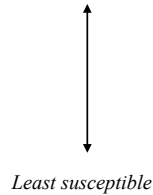
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### Large Patch

- ◆ St. Augustinegrass *Most susceptible*
- ◆ Zoysiagrass
- ◆ Centipedegrass
- ◆ Bermudagrass



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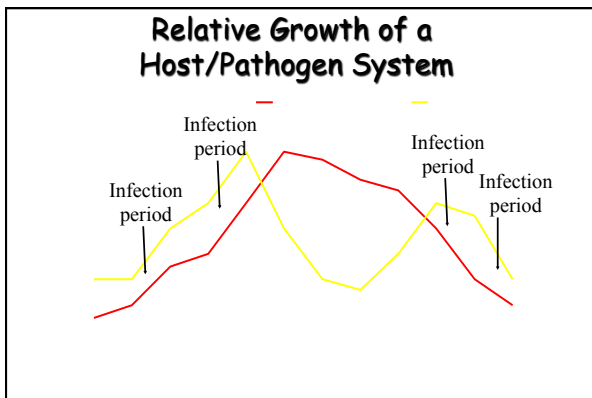
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**Large Patch (Brown Patch) of Warm-season Turfgrasses - Management**

- ✓ provide good surface and subsurface soil drainage
- ✓ alter irrigation to limit leaf and thatch moisture
- ✓ balanced N fertility, avoid excess N in late summer/early fall
- ✓ fungicide applications:
  - apply in fall before initial outbreak, repeat in severe cases after 28-30 days
  - a single application to follow up in spring as grasses come out of dormancy may also improve control
  - Prostar, Heritage, Insignia are very good fungicides for this disease; other fungicides may provide good control

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**Fungicides Labeled for Large Patch**

- |   |  |
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| ➤ Heritage (Azoxystrobin)                                   | ➤ Banner (propiconazole)   |
| ➤ Insignia (pyraclostrobin)                                 | ➤ Eagle (myclobutanil)   |
| ➤ DisArm (fluoxastrobin)                                    | ➤ Tourney (metconazole)  |
| ➤ Daconil,,,(chlorothalonil)                                | ➤ Trinity (triticonazole)  |
| ➤ Prostar (flutolanil)                                      | ➤ Affirm (polyoxin)  |
| ➤ Terremec SP (chloroneb)                                   | ➤ Cleary 3336,,,(thiophanate methyl) (not home lawns except G formulation) |
| ➤ 26 GT,,,(iprodione) *not home lawns                       |  |
| ➤ Bayleton (triadimefon) (supp. label req'd for home lawns) |  |
| ➤ Secure (fluazinam) - GC only                              |  |
| ➤ Xzemplar (fluxapyroxad)                                   |  |

*Granular formulations of Heritage, Insignia, Disarm are available*

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**Fungicides Labeled for Large Patch - Combinations**

- ◆ Headway (azoxystrobin + propiconazole) - 1.5-3 fl oz
- ◆ Briskway (azoxystrobin + difenoconazole) - 0.3- 0.725 oz
- ◆ DisArm C (chlorothalonil + fluoxastrobin ) - 3 to 6 fl oz
- ◆ DisArm M (chlorothalonil + myclobutanil) -
- ◆ Consyst 67WDG (chlorothalonil + thiophanate methyl) - 2 to 8 oz \*\*\* others available
- ◆ 26/36 3.8F - Iprodione + thiophanate methyl -2 to 4 fl oz \*\*not home lawns
- ◆ Systar 80WG (thiophanate methyl + flutolanil) - 2 to 3 oz \*\*not home lawns
- ◆ Honor 28WG - (boscalid + pyraclostrobin) - 1.11 oz
- ◆ Lexicon (fluxapyroxad + pyraclostrobin) - 0.34 oz
- ◆ Pillar G (triticonazole + pyraclostrobin) - 3 lb/1000 sq.ft.

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## Gray Leaf Spot

- ◆Pathogen: *Pyricularia grisea*
- ◆Hosts: St. Augustinegrass, tall fescue, ryegrasses, some weedy grasses (e.g. crabgrass).
- ◆Disease Profile: A very common disease in St. Augustine wherever it is grown. The disease occurs in very hot, humid weather and is generally more severe in newly established lawns, in shady locations or locations with poor air movement.

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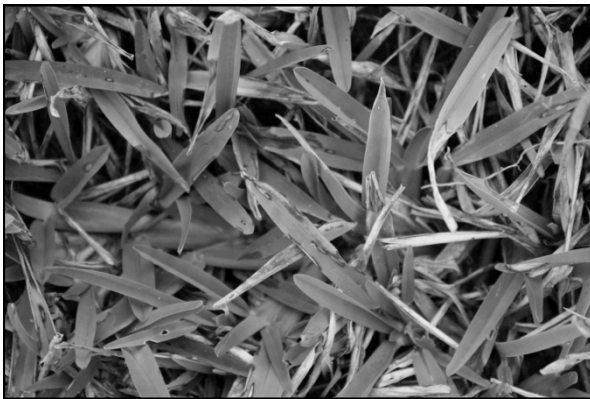
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**Gray Leaf Spot**

◆ *Cultural control:* improve air movement and light penetration in areas prone to chronic infections. Irrigate in very early morning to promote maximum drying conditions during the day. Avoid excessive rates of nitrogen fertilizers. Mow on a suggested schedule appropriate to growth rate of the turf.

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**Fungicides for Gray Leaf Spot-rates/1000 sq.ft.**

- ✦ Armada 50WP - 0.6 to 1.2 oz, 14-28 day
- ✦ Briskway 2.72 SC- 0.3-0.725 (no more than 2 seq. apps) GC only
- ✦ Heritage 50WDG - 0.2 to 0.4 oz, 14-28 day
- ✦ Headway - 1.5-3 fl oz, 14-28 day
- ✦ Compass 50WDG - 0.15 to 0.25 oz, 14-21 day
- ✦ Insignia 20WDG - 0.5-0.9 oz/14-28 day
- ✦ Honor - 0.5-1.1 oz/14-28 day (GC only)
- ✦ Lexicon - 0.34-0.47 oz/14-28 day
- ✦ Pillar G (triticonazole + pyraclostrobin) - 3 lb/1000 sq.ft./14-28 day
- ✦ Mancozeb formulations - see labels for rates
- ✦ Banner Maxx - 1 to 2 fl oz, 14 day
- ✦ Tourney - 0.37 oz, 14 day
- ✦ Endorse - 4 oz/14 day
- ✦ thiophanate methyl formulations (Cleary 3336, Fungo, Cavalier)- 4 to 8 fl oz
- ✦ combinations of chlorothalonil + thiophanate methyl (e.g. Spectro 90, Consyst)

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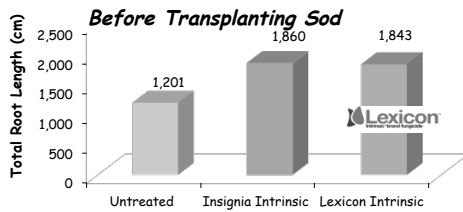
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**St. Augustingrass Root Growth Increases with Lexicon and Insignia Intrinsic brand fungicides**



Application made 14-days prior to cutting sod for transplanting. Roots cores were taken 4 months after treatment. Treatments are statistically different from untreated. Dr. Bruce Martin, Clemson University, 2012.

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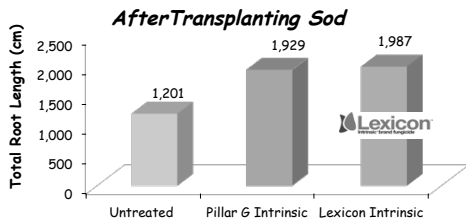
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**St. Augustingrass Root Growth Increases with Pillar G and Lexicon Intrinsic brand fungicides**



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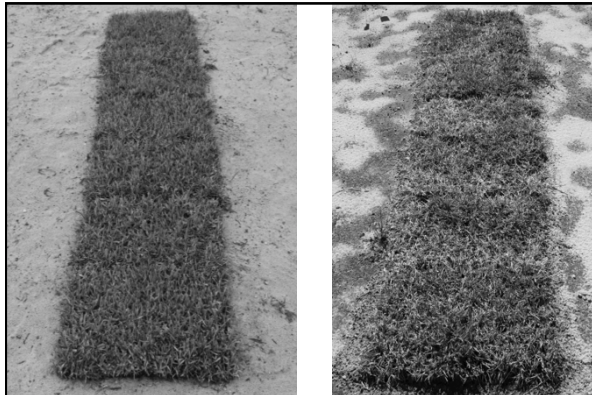
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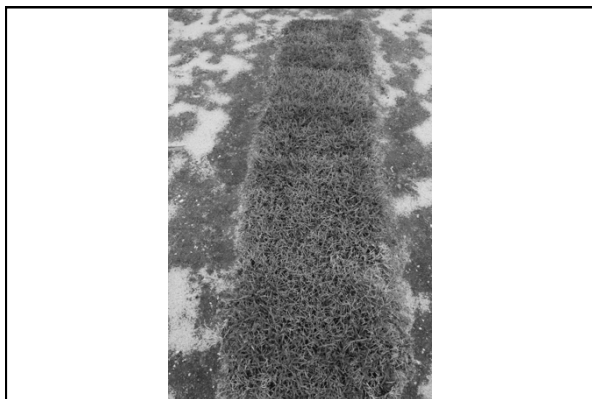
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**Spring Dead Spot**

- Causal Agent(s): *Ophiosphaerella herpotricha*, *O. korrae* and *O. narmari*
- Hosts: bermudagrass, bermudagrass hybrids, zoysia (rare) and buffalograss
- Symptoms generally present  
Early-Spring  
Concurrent with breaking dormancy

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**Cultural Practices to Reduce Spring Dead Spot Disease Severity**

- > Plant root rhizosphere acidification, ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub>) based N-Sources (ex. (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> or NH<sub>4</sub>Cl) 1.0 lb N / M per growing month
- > Monitor soil nutrient status, especially Potassium, (KCl) 1.0 lb K / M per growing month
- > Core Aerification and Verticutting
- > More SDS tolerant varieties (ex. Patriot, Midlawn, Vamont)

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**Spring Dead Spot Management with Fungicides**

Products Labeled	Rate (oz/1,000 ft <sup>2</sup> )	Notes
Rubigan 1A.5. (no longer available)	4.0 to 6.0 fl. oz	1 apps at 4 oz or 1 app at 6 oz
Banner Maxx 1.24MC	4.0 fl. oz	1 to 3 apps. beginning in August
Torque 3.6 SC	0.6 fl oz	28 day interval; 68 F in fall and spring
Heritage 50WG TL formulation	0.4 oz or 2 fl oz	1 to 2 apps. beginning in late-Fall
Eagle 20 EW	2.4 fl oz	1 to 2 apps. beginning in August
Cleary 3336	4-6 oz	Fall and spring applications
DisArm 480SC DisArm 0.25G	0.36 fl oz 2.3-4.6 lb	1-2 applications/ 28 days apart

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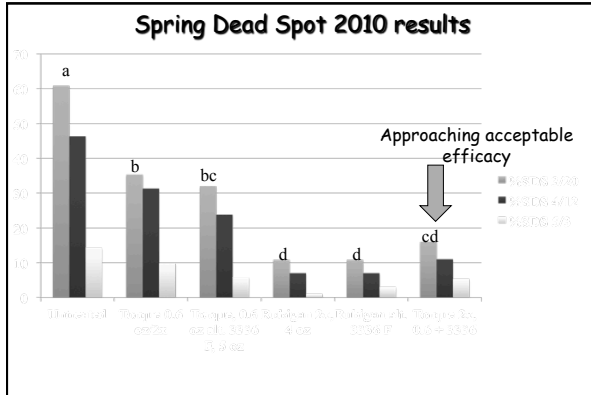
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**SPRING DEAD SPOT TRIAL 2014  
- TIFEAGLE BERMUDAGRASS**

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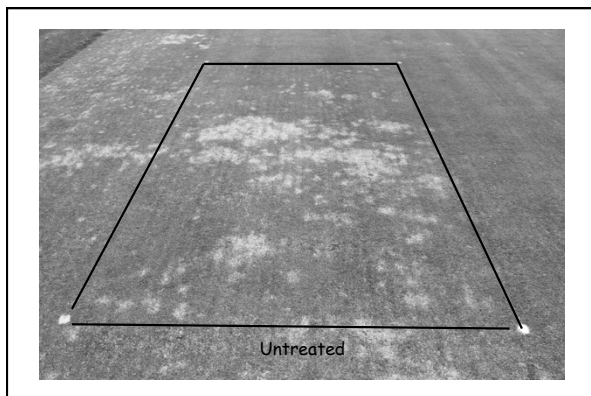
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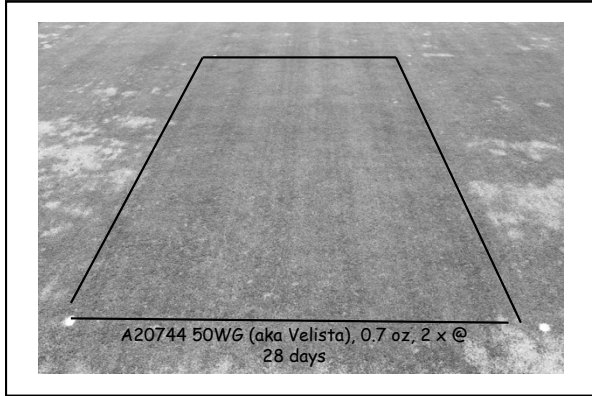
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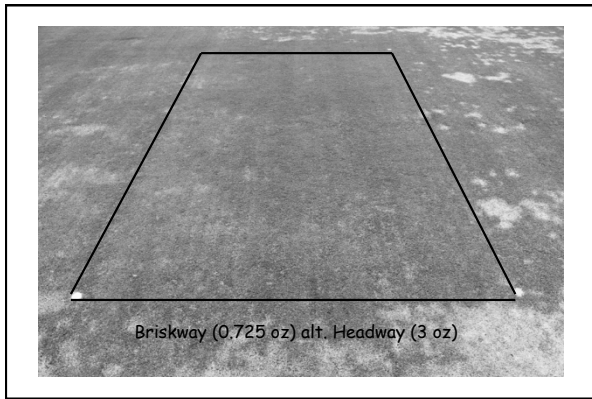
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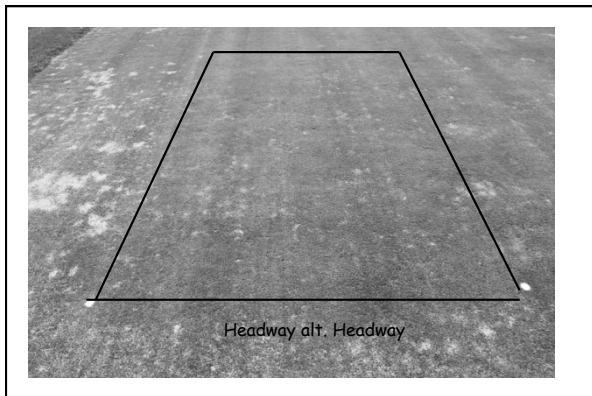
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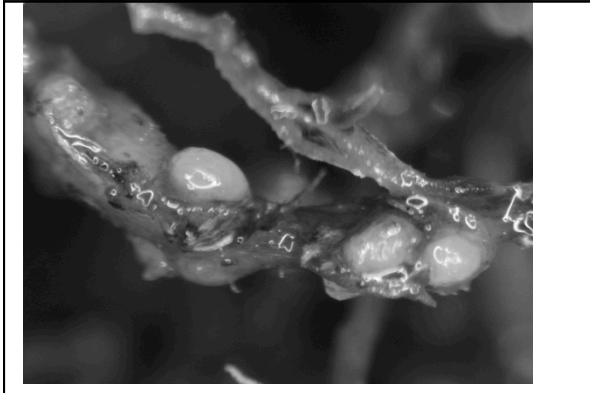
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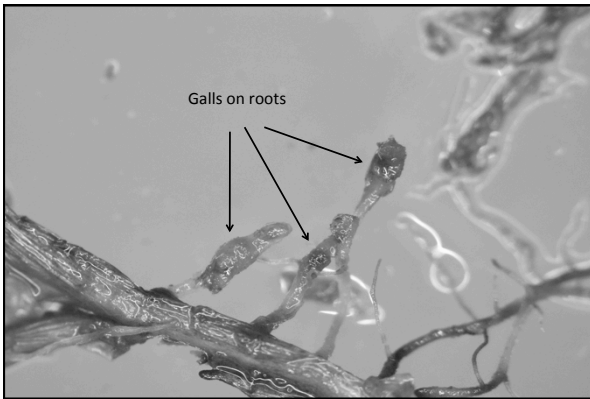
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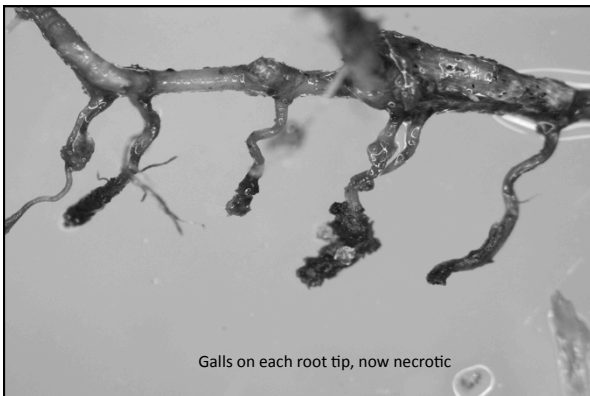
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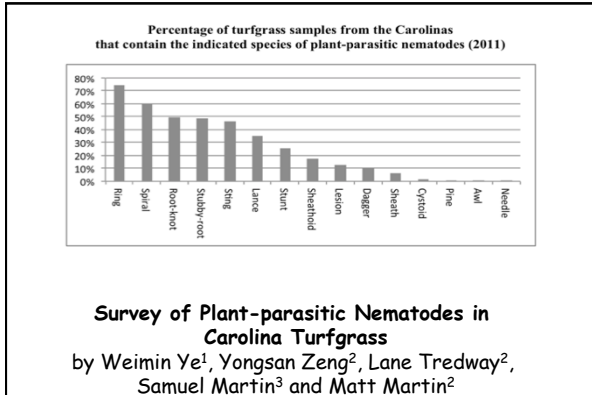
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- Biological and 'biorational' nematicides**
- ✦ Ditera (a fungus, *Myrothecium roseum*) – 20 lb/A application rate
  - ✦ Sesame extracts (e.g. Neo-Tec)
  - ✦ Neem extracts (Agroneem EC; azadirachtin)
  - ✦ Mustard plant by-products (glucosinolate metabolites are nematicidal)
  - ✦ *Pasteuria penetrans*, *P. busae*
  - ✦ Avid 0.15 EC (abamectin)
  - ✦ Others: chitin and chitosan products, thyme oil, 'biosafe nematicide: peroxyacetic acid; VA mycorrhizae

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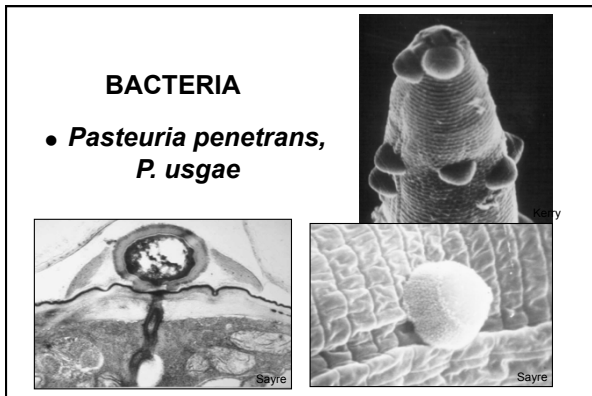
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## Bacillus firmus – Nortica (Bayer)

“BioNem WP is effective against phytopathogenic nematodes, and is registered in Israel for the control of root knot nematodes in vegetable crops (cucumber, tomatoes, pepper, eggplant and herbs) and in perennial crops (peaches, olives, ornamentals). Long term suppression of nematode population was observed following single application of BioNem WP, either pre or post-planting.”

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## Rooting data, July 22

Treatments	Rate (lb/A)	Timing	Depth of Rooting	Root biomass (g)
1. Untreated			15.79 ab	0.136362522 c
2. Nortica 5%WP	35	April 19, May 14	16.95 a	0.204887515 a
3. Nortica 5%WP	70	April 30	14.65 ab	0.179612506 abc
4. Nortica 5%WP	35	April 30, May 28	16.28 a	0.140212520 bc
5. Nortica 5%WP	17.5	Apr. 19, Apr. 30, May 14, May 28	14.03 ab	0.160475017 abc
6. Nematicur 10G	2.3 lb/1000 sq.ft.	April 19	16.38 a	0.173775020 abc
7. Nortica 5%WP	35	May 14, June 18	16.73 a	0.200512519 ab
8. Nortica 5% WP	70	June 18	11.10 b	0.160175012 abc

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**MULTIGUARD PROTECT**

For terrestrial (outdoor) non-food use on established turf on golf course lawns and greens, practice greens and surfaced lawns, when used as directed. MULTIGUARD PROTECT EC controls root-knotting plant-parasitic nematodes, and fungal plant diseases such as species of *Pythium*, *Phytophthora*, *Fusarium* and *Rhizoctonia*.

Active ingredient: (96.0%)  
 Furfural (3.0%)  
 Other ingredients (1.0%)  
 TOTAL 100.0%

1 gallon of MULTIGUARD PROTECT EC contains 8.68 lbs. heptad  
 1 gallon of MULTIGUARD PROTECT EC weighs 9.40 lbs. at 60°F

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
 WARNING – AVISO**

Do not use indoors. In Canada, keep a minimum of 30 feet from children. Do not use on lawns and lawns to be used for play.

**PREPARE**

**Use Before**

**Use After**

**Use During**

**USE AND STORAGE**

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

**SEE SIDE PANEL FOR ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS**

Multiguard Protect EC is a registered pesticide of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 100 North American Blvd., Columbia, PA 17016  
 EPA Establishment No. 78703-1 EPA Registration No. 78703-1  
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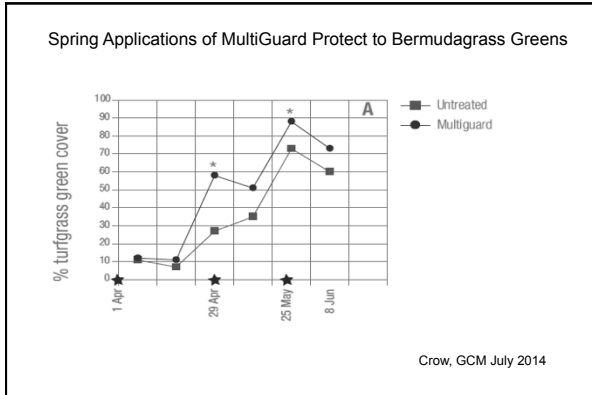
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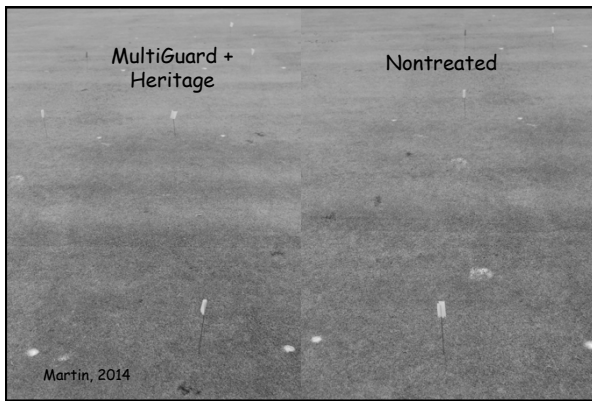
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**(Fluensulfone) MCW-2 480 EC; A new systemic, non-fumigant nematicide for the control of nematodes in Agricultural and Horticultural crops.**

C.T. Schiller, R.C. Everich & J.R. Whitehead  
Makhteshim Agan of North America  
(MANA)

To be labeled in turf as 'Nimitz' in 2016 anticipated

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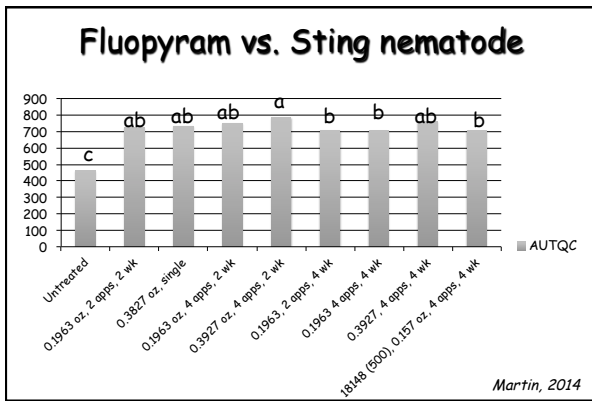
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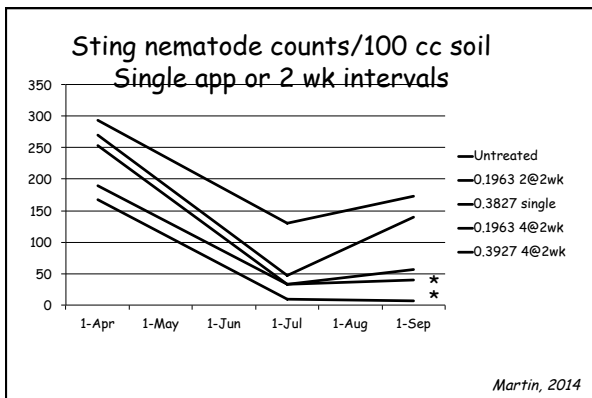
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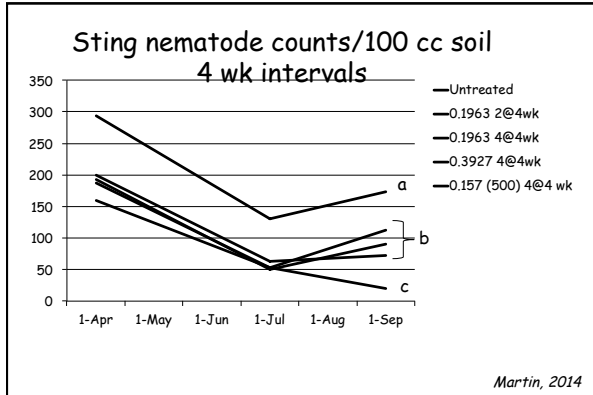
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