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President's Message

Howdy, I hope everyone had a great finish to the summer of 2024 and is currently enjoying their winter in Texas.

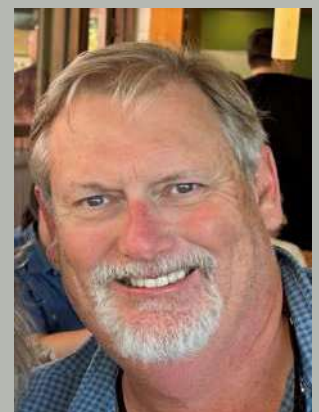
Thank you to everyone who has registered to be a part of our Winter Show in Corpus Christi, TX. We are always excited when we can venture to different regions and keep engaging with Members and Exhibitors to promote our Turf Industry. We could not do these events without your support.

Our Association is continuing to progress and keep education new and relevant to all the members. If there is something our association is missing, please let us know and we will work to improve or address it if we can. Our 2nd Annual Gun Raffle will not only provide a fun environment to the association, but the proceeds will help our association promote education.

Next, we will turn our attention to the Summer Conference at the Hyatt Lost Pines in Bastrop, TX, July 20th- 22nd so be sure to mark your calendars. For next winter, we will venture back to Denton, TX December 9th- 10th. Our goal remains to hit the State of Texas and keep the turf industry engaged.

Please do not forget to support our vendors and sponsors when repairs, equipment, and sod are needed. Thanks to all our sponsors, without you our industry would not survive. Special thanks to our Annual Sponsors of TTA and our Board of Directors for their continued dedication to our Association.

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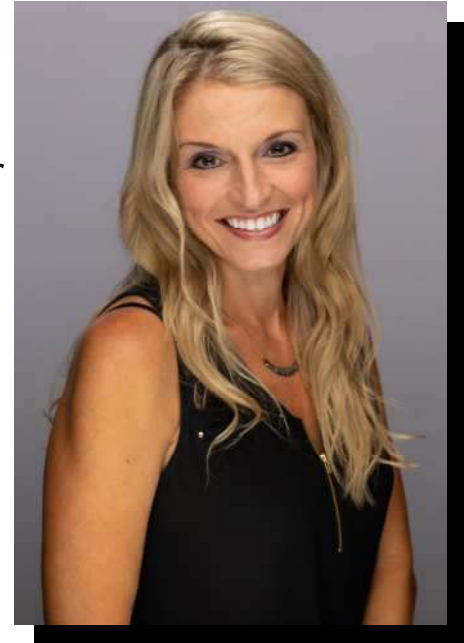


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This past year, 2024, has been all about allowing our conference to grow in Education and Networking through the Summer Show and this Winter Conference! What I love is that a Board of Directors can come together in a room and talk passionately about what we can do to grow, change, and encompass differently the industry. Are we going to hit the mark? Not always. But we do make small jumps in the right direction and always for the benefit for the members and to advance the industry and our education.

Huge Congratulations to our 2024 Awards Winners which I will be highlighting in the upcoming 2025 Quarters. I love the dedication to each submission, the passion on how to improve a field or landscape, and the details to show the progress.



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Job Well Done!

I was so pleased to see how well his past winter show and education turned out. My hope this that we continue to ignite the need for these two days of education, networking, and invaluable learning each December. I realize that you may be able to go to lots of other shows / conferences to earn your CEU's. TTA has a

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Thank you to all Members, Exhibitors, Sponsors, and my amazing Board of Directors for working, speaking, and emailing me all year long. I look forward to a great year in 2025.

God Bless! Warmest Regards
Your Executive Director,
Katie Flowers



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Assessing application error on sports fields across varying levels of sprayer technology and operator experience

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The demand for precise input application and operational efficiency in turfgrass has driven the development of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)-equipped sprayers, which offer several advantages over conventional systems. Features like individual nozzle control and automated operation within preset boundaries reduce the need for manual boom control, while enhancements such as sub-centimeter precision correction and autosteer further minimize human error.

Despite these benefits, GNSS sprayers have seen limited adoption in the broader turfgrass industry, with increased interest primarily in the golf course sector. Early adopters report benefits such as reduced treated area, shorter application times, less reliance on operator expertise, and improved accuracy. However, testimonials remain scarce in sports field management, where skepticism about the technology's value persists.



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As the sports field industry increasingly embraces sustainable practices and faces rising labor costs, the demand for technological solutions is expected to grow. Overcoming hesitancy toward new technologies will require extensive demonstrations to promote adoption. Currently, there is limited unbiased data on the benefits of GNSS-equipped sprayers for sports field managers.

This research aims to fill that gap by quantifying application errors on sports fields using different sprayer technologies and operator experience levels. The hypothesis is that as technology advances, discrepancies in misses, overlaps, and overspray will decrease, reducing the total sprayed area and minimizing differences between experienced and inexperienced operators.

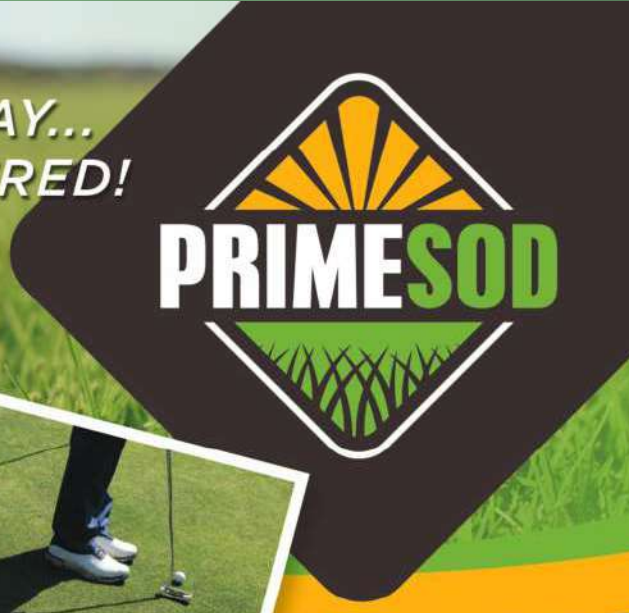
Study design, equipment, and application process

Research was conducted from winter 2022 to summer 2023 in College Station, TX, at Veterans Park and Athletic Complex and Southwood Athletic Park. Identical studies were performed on softball/baseball and soccer fields at both locations. Using a crossover design, six treatments—manual, GNSS, and GNSS + autosteer sprayer technologies, each operated by both experienced and inexperienced operators—were applied to three fields of each type at both locations. Each field received all six treatments to evaluate technology performance across operator skill levels.

At Veterans Park, a Toro Workman 200 Spray System (18 ft. boom) with Ninja GPS Spray Control, a Smart7 GNSS receiver, and Polaris autosteer was used (Figure 1). At Southwood Park, a John Deere ProGator with an Above Par Tech sprayer (20 ft. boom), a GPS 7500 GNSS receiver, and SteadySteer autosteer was employed (Figure 2).

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Figure 1. The experienced operator making an application using the GNSS sprayer



Figure 2. An inexperienced operator making an application using the GNSS sprayer

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One experienced operator with nearly 20 years of sports field spraying experience, including three years with GNSS and autosteer, was assigned to each location. Four inexperienced college students, new to both spraying and the technology, were assigned to specific locations and field types, ensuring their inexperience remained consistent. Each student received a 30-minute training session on sprayer controls before their first application.

Field boundaries were georeferenced once using the sprayers' GNSS receivers to establish consistent target areas for all fields, aiding in GNSS and GNSS + autosteer treatments. The average target areas were 74,899 ft² for Veterans Park's softball fields and 37,631 ft² for Southwood Park's baseball fields, with soccer fields averaging 88,244 ft² and 33,644 ft² at Veterans and Southwood, respectively. Water was used for treatments at 65 gallons per acre, and designated level areas were marked for filling and draining the sprayers. Sprayers were filled to 150 gallons for Veterans Park and 80 gallons for Southwood, based on field size.

At Veterans Park, the dual-nozzle sprayer used FastCap 422FC11004 and 422FC11006 nozzles, while Southwood Park used a single-nozzle sprayer with COMBO-JET SR110-08 nozzles. The accuracy of the water volume in the tank was confirmed by measuring in five-gallon increments and validating the flow meters against the computer outputs before the initial treatments.

Treatment applications occurred from December 2022 to May 2023 at Veterans Park and from June to July 2023 at Southwood Park, depending on field availability and weather. To prevent tire tracks from being used as a guide, sufficient time was allowed between applications for the tracks to disappear. Sprayers operated at 2.5 mph, controlled by a speed regulator.

For manual treatments, monitors were covered, and foam markers guided operators, who manually controlled the booms. GNSS treatments used foam markers and on-screen maps, while GNSS + autosteer treatments added autosteer. Both GNSS treatments featured individual nozzle control, with a 100% overlap setting. After each treatment, remaining water was drained via valve and hand pump. Spray data were stored in the sprayers' computers and later exported for analysis.

Data processing and analysis

The study measured target area misses, overlaps, and overspray. Data downloaded from the sprayer computers included field boundaries, sprayer paths, and coverage. The percentage of target area missed and overlapped was calculated by comparing the spray coverage to the field boundaries, excluding non-target areas. Missed areas were identified where no spray was applied, and overlaps where sections were sprayed more than once. These percentages were then calculated as a proportion of the total target area. Overspray was calculated by subtracting the amount of water left in the tank after spraying from the initial volume. The percentage of overspray was determined by dividing the actual volume applied by the intended volume for the target area, then multiplying by 100. Any values over 100% indicated overspray.

The percent total volume saved between treatments was determined by subtracting the lower percentage from the higher one, dividing the absolute value of this difference by the higher percentage, and then multiplying by 100 to convert it into a percentage.

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For example, if treatment A used 105% of the intended volume (i.e., 5% overspray) and treatment B used 110% of the intended volume (i.e., 10% overspray), then the total volume savings by using treatment A is 4.6%, calculated as $((|105-110|)/110)*100 = 4.6\%$.

Only the 422FC11004 nozzles were used at Veterans Park in manual mode because individual nozzle control could not be turned off when dual nozzles were active, resulting in a lower spray volume since the sprayer isn't designed for single-nozzle operation. Therefore, the percent target area overspray was analyzed separately by location, as the manual total volume applied data from Veterans Park was unreliable. However, this issue did not affect the percent of the target area missed and overlapped, as spatial spray data were recorded for all treatments.

Misses, overlaps, and overspray on softball/baseball fields

The results for percent target area missed were similar across locations, so data were combined for treatments and locations. Inexperienced operators using manual sprayers had the highest percentage of missed areas (3.7%), while experienced operators showed no major differences across sprayer technologies. There was also no difference in missed areas between GNSS and GNSS + autosteer, regardless of operator experience. Southwood Park had more missed areas (2.4%) compared to Veterans Park (1.4%).

For percent target area overlapped, results differed by location, so data are presented separately for each. At Veterans Park, the manual sprayer used by inexperienced operators caused the highest overlap (8.3%). In other cases, both experienced and inexperienced operators performed similarly across sprayer technologies. As technology advanced, overlap decreased, with GNSS + autosteer reducing overlap to less than 2% (Figure 3).

At Veterans Park, overspray was similar between operators within each technology level, but advanced technology reduced overspray. GNSS + autosteer led to 2.1% overspray compared to 6.3% with GNSS, saving 4% of the total water volume. For inexperienced operators, autosteer reduced overspray by 3.3%.

At Southwood Park, there were no significant differences in overspray between operators within each technology level, but experienced operators generally had higher overspray. While there wasn't a clear advantage between manual and GNSS or GNSS and GNSS + autosteer, switching from manual to GNSS + autosteer significantly reduced overspray. For experienced operators, overspray dropped from 11.5% with manual to 6.5%, and for inexperienced operators, it dropped from 9.7% to 5.7%, resulting in a 3.7% reduction in total water used.

Experienced Operator

Inexperienced Operator



Figure 3. Maps of target area overlapped on softball fields at Veterans Park across manual, GNSS, and GNSS + autosteer sprayer technologies (rows) and operator experience (columns)

Misses, overlaps, and overspray on soccer fields

The results for percent target area missed on soccer fields were consistent across locations, so data were combined for treatment analysis. The manual inexperienced operator had the highest percentage of missed target area (2.8%), which was higher than all other treatments. There were no differences in missed areas among experienced operators across any level of sprayer technology. Additionally, there was no difference in missed areas between GNSS and GNSS + autosteer, regardless of operator experience.

Similarly, the results for percent target area overlapped were consistent across locations, so data were pooled for analysis. The manual inexperienced operator had the highest overlap (6.4%), significantly more than the manual experienced operator (4.3%). The manual experienced operator's overlap was similar to that of the GNSS inexperienced operator (3.6%), and both operator types showed similar results within the GNSS and GNSS + autosteer technologies. Overlap decreased as sprayer technology advanced, with both operator types achieving less than 1% overlap using GNSS + autosteer (Figure 4).

The results for percent target area oversprayed differed slightly between locations, so data are presented separately. At Veterans Park, operator experience did not affect overspray with the GNSS sprayer, with both experienced and inexperienced operators having similar overspray rates (6.2% and 6.5%, respectively). However, the addition of autosteer reduced overspray to 2.3% for experienced operators and 3.8% for inexperienced operators, resulting in total water savings of 3.7% and 2.5%, respectively.

At Southwood Park, overspray results were similar between operators within each sprayer technology level, though the inexperienced operator consistently had slightly higher overspray. For experienced operators, overspray decreased from 11.1% with manual to 8.3% with GNSS, but there was no further reduction with GNSS + autosteer (6.2%). For inexperienced operators, overspray dropped from 12.1% with manual to 10.2% with GNSS and further to 7.0% with GNSS + autosteer.

Overall, both operator types saw a reduction in overspray as sprayer technology advanced. Moving from manual to GNSS technology reduced overspray by 2.8% for experienced operators and 1.9% for inexperienced operators. Upgrading from GNSS to GNSS + autosteer reduced overspray by 2.1% for experienced operators and 3.2% for inexperienced operators. Switching from manual to GNSS + autosteer technology resulted in total water savings of 4.4% for experienced operators and 4.6% for inexperienced operators.

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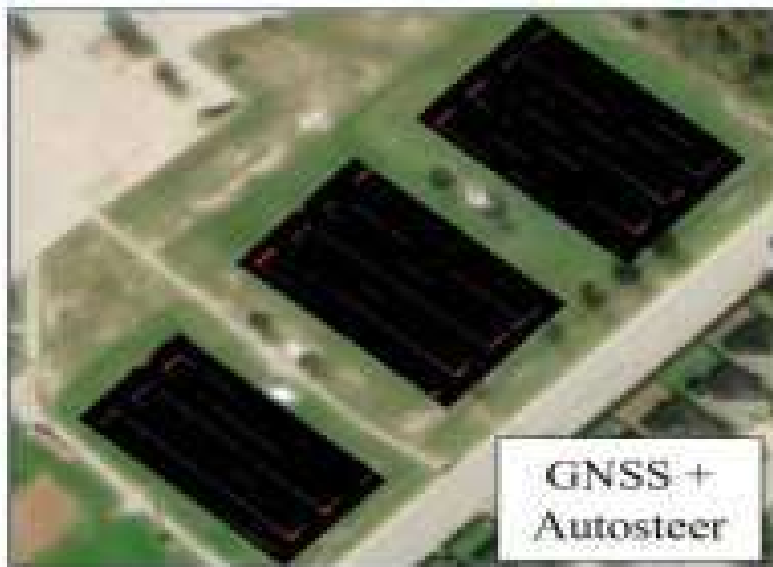


Figure 4. Maps of target area overlapped on soccer fields at Southwood Park across manual, GNSS, and GNSS + autosteer

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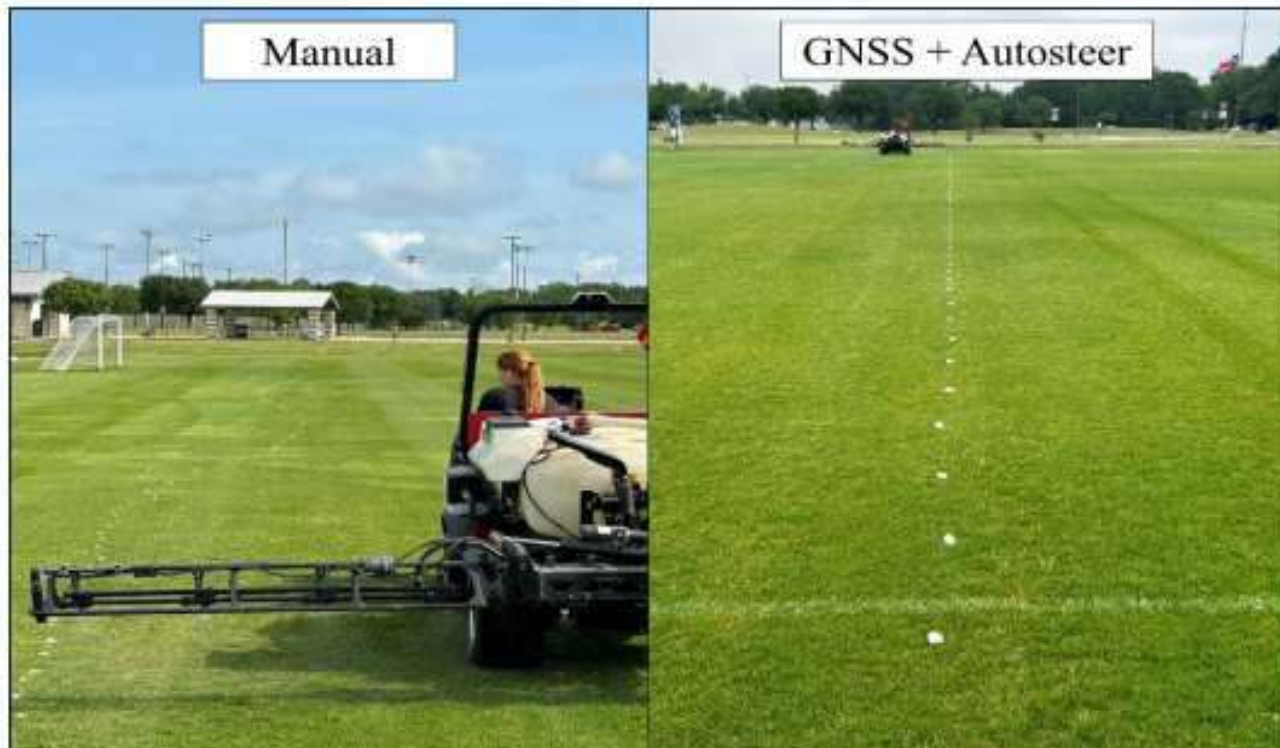
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Recommendation for sports field managers

Inexperienced operators using manual spray mode had the highest rates of misses and overlaps, except for overlaps on Southwood Park's baseball fields. GNSS and autosteer technologies significantly reduced these errors across all locations and field types (Figure 5). Standard deviations of misses and overlaps decreased with advanced technologies, especially when comparing inexperienced manual mode to GNSS + autosteer, indicating more consistent applications. Additionally, advanced technology reduced overspray and the total volume applied. Investing in GNSS-equipped sprayers with autosteer minimizes reliance on experienced operators, reduces errors, and enhances consistency. This study used factory settings, so further improvements might be possible by adjusting overlap parameters

Figure 5.
An
inexperienced
applicator
making a
pass using
manual mode
(left)
and GNSS +
autosteer
(right)
on soccer
fields at
Veterans
Park.



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TDA Lectures, room C102:
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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXAM PREP: 8 am - 5 am

When you register for this session, you must pre-register and pay fees for the conference and this session. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is now charging for this session. When you register for this session, it also includes the fees for the manuals you will need.

The license exam are not given at the TTA Conference. The Texas Department of Agriculture conducts all testing through a third party testing company, PSI Exams. If you would like to schedule the exams you must first register with TDA. You can register at <https://licensing.texasagriculture.gov> You will pay the exam fee directly to them when you test.

If you are a new applicator you will need to take the General test and at least one category test to get a license, usually the Landscape Maintenance.



Tuesday, December 17

Full Day Exhibitors Trade Show Schedule

Exhibit Hall A, 11 am - 1 pm

Grand Opening of Exhibits

Enjoy Lunch While You Visit with Our Vendors

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After Education, Join us at 4:45pm - 6:30pm for
Happy Hour with the Exhibitors!

Cash Bar

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***And a Corn Hole Tournament!**

**Form a 2 Man team and Sign-up at Registration
Networking, Prizes and FUN!**



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Tuesday, December 17

Morning Concurrent Sessions

GOLF SESSIONS ROOM C107

8 am: Nematode Management
on Golf Turf in Texas.

- *Dr. William Crow*
1 Ag General; 1 Structural L&O

9 am: The Direct Relationship
Between Cutting Units
& Turf Health

- *Danny McConnell*

10 am: Why Applications Fail

- *Jim Garrett, PBI Gordon*
1 Ag General; 1 Structural Pest

SPORTS SESSIONS ROOM C105

8 am: Sports Field Updates

- *Nick McKenna,*
Texas A&M Athletics

- *Brad Finn,*
University of Houston

9 am: Nematode Management
on Sports Turf in Texas.

- *Dr. William Crow*
1 Ag General; 1 Structural L&O

10 am: From Lab to Grass: An
Inside Look at the Pesticide
Development Process

- *Dr. Eric Reasor, PBI Gordon*
1 Ag General; 1 Structural General

COMMERCIAL SPEAKERS ROOM C106

8 am: Managing High Quality Turf
Using Low- Quality Water

- *Dr. Ben Wherley,*
Texas A&M University
1 Ag General; 1 Structural L&O

9 am: Selecting the Right Turfgrass
with emphasis in New Cultivars

- *P. Agustin Boeri, Ph.D*
1 Ag General

10 am: Cutting Through the
Marketing of Commercial
Herbicides

- *Dr. Joey Young*
1 Structural- Weed





Tuesday, December 17

Annual Awards and Education

General Session, Location: Henry Garrett B

1 pm: Annual Meeting and Awards!

1:45 pm: The Talent Whisperer

- Dan Ralphs

2:45 pm: Fraise Mowing - Benefits of Mechanical cultural Practices

- Riley Maxey, GLK Turf Solutions

- Mark Langer, Professional Turf Services

3:45 pm: There are weeds- than there are Texas Weeds

- Dr. Eric Reasor, PBI Gordon, 1 Ag IPM; 1 Structural Weed



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TDA Credits offered:

AG:3 General; 1 IPM and 1 Laws and Regulations Structural

Structural: 3 General ; 1 L&O ; 1 Weed; 1 Pest

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Wednesday, December 18

Morning and Afternoon Sessions

BRUNCH WITH THE EXHIBITORS

Exhibit Hall A, 9 am - 11:30 am

Gun raffle Drawing- Don't miss it- 11am!

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Annual Meeting for Texas Chapter
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Lone Star GCSA luncheon

for member 12 pm- 1pm

Location: Henry Garrett C

TCEQ - Irrigators Course

Room C102, 8 am - 5 pm

Water Efficient Irrigation & BMP's

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~Wet Dog Irrigation

At a time in Texas when our water supplies are being depleted faster than they can be replenished, it is the responsibility of the stakeholder to be more efficient with this valuable resource. This training program focuses on the state of water in Texas and the affects irrigation have on the supply, best management practices for irrigators, understanding plant water needs, the importance of irrigation checks and audits, and alternate water supplies for irrigation and the most efficient delivery system within irrigation systems.



Wednesday, December 18

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

GOLF SESSIONS ROOM C107

1:15 pm: Pond Dredging - a key to reducing pond and lake maintenance costs and what YOU can do about it!

- *Trent Lewis*
1 Ag IPM

2:15 pm: Poa Annua Management

- *Raymond Miller*
1 Ag IPM;

SPORTS SESSIONS ROOM C105

1:15 pm: Developing Control Strategies for Problem Weeds in Turfgrass

- *Dr. Patrick McCullough*
1 Ag IPM; 1 Structural Weed

2:15 pm: Turf Transformation: Comprehensive Strategies for Fraise Mowing.

- *Jacob Winger and Dr. Jada Powlen*

COMMERCIAL SPEAKERS ROOM C106

1:15 pm: Winter Overseeding: Species Selection and Site Preparation

- *Dr. Jada Powlen*
1 Ag General; 1 Structural Other

2:15 pm: How to CEO: 6 Key to having a wildly Profitable business

- *Dan Ralph*

3:15 pm: The Joint Talk is:

Laws and Regulations - Protect Yourself

- *Laura Miller*
1 Ag Laws and Regs; 1 Structural General- Laws



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Horticulture and Land-
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Professor Turfgrass Sci-
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