



2026 Annual Winter Conference & Trade Show

December 15-16, 2026

Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco Hotel & Convention Center

Keeping Texas Green

Mon 14 Exhibitor set-up

is in the Frisco 6-9 Ballroom

Mon 14 & Tues 15 CPTM Lectures

Mon, 12 pm-4 pm

OVERVIEW- The Certified Professional Turf Manager (CPTM) designation recognizes a level of achievement in professional turfgrass management in Texas beyond a Bachelor of Science degree or a long tenure in the industry. The CPTM designation is a mark of distinction. Professionals who acquire the CPTM designation benefit the turfgrass industry and themselves through increased self-esteem and respect, increased value and service to their employer and increased competitiveness in the job market.

Tues, 8 am-12 pm

Tues, 2 pm

CPTM Testing

Testing following CPTM lecture!
Advanced registration required
\$50.00 for Members
\$125.00 for Non-Members

OBJECTIVES



To raise and maintain the professional standards of those employed in the turfgrass industry in Texas.



To provide effective continuing education programs for professional turfgrass managers.



To award special recognition to professional turfgrass managers who demonstrate a high level of accomplishment and skill.



To encourage professional turf managers to become active participants in the Texas Turfgrass Association.

**Certified
Professional
Turf
Manager**



Welcome to the

2026 Annual Winter Conference & Trade Show

Tues 15 Opening Day and Registration

7 am Conference Registration, Frisco Foyer, check in at registration with Katie Flowers

8 am-5 pm TDA Session for Non-licensed Attendees

TDA Lectures, Bass/Bush/Erudite Room
Dr. Mark Matocha, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension
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Texas Department Of Agriculture Exam Prep

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 exams are not given at the TTA Conference. The Texas Department of Agriculture conducts all testing through a third party testing company, Metro Institute. If you would like to schedule the exams you must first register with TDA. You can register at <https://tap.texasagriculture.gov>. You will pay the exam fees 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 15

Full Day Exhibitors Trade Show Schedule

Grand Opening of Exhibits

Frisco Ballroom 6-9, 11 am - 1 pm

Enjoy Lunch While You Visit with Our Vendors

Special Thanks Lunch Sponsors



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

*** Cash Bar ***

*** Hors d'oeuvres ***

*** 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 15

Morning Concurrent Sessions

GOLF SESSIONS FRISCO 3

8 am: Golf Course Safety and Compliance – Chemical Storage

- Brian and Kyle Cloud

9 am: Beyond the Manual: Turning BMP Guidelines into Daily Management Decisions

- Dr. Bryan Unruh

10 am: Zoysiagrass Putting Greens – The Next Big Thing?

- Dr. Mike Richardson

SPORTS SESSIONS FRISCO 4

8 am: Winter Management of Ultradwarf Bermudagrass Greens

- Dr. Mike Richardson

9 am: Turfgrass Entomology

- Gary Brooks

10 am: Effective Meteorology and Weather App Overview for Turfgrass Managers

- Brad Jakubowski

PROFESSIONAL TURF & LANDSCAPE FRISCO 5

8 am: Advancements in Zoysia Putting Green Development and Management for Commercial Landscapes

- Dr. Ambika Chandra

9 am: Common Turfgrass Insect Pests: Identification, Biology, and Management

- Dr. Rafia Khan

10 am: Prepare for 2027 Growing Season Using IPM for Turf Disease Management

- Dr. Alfredo Martinez-Espinoza





Tuesday, December 15

Annual Awards and Education

General Session, Annual Meeting, and Awards:

Locations: Frisco 2

1 pm: Annual Meeting and Awards

Free drink ticket for evening event.

1:45 pm: The Operator's Edge: How Small Turf Businesses Are Suddenly Competing With Anyone

- Bryce Stuckenschneider

2:45 pm: Pasture Mealybugs

- Dr. Caixing Xiong

3:45 pm: Severe Weather Safety – What You Don't Know May Shock You!

- Brad Jakubowski



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*TDA and GCSAA Credit will be made available,
currently pending review.*





Tuesday, December 15

Off Site Concert Event 7 pm to 9 pm

TBA



Enjoy free beer and appetizers, live music, networking and raffle- proceeds go toward our scholarship opportunity TTREEE endowment as well as TTA education!

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Wednesday, December 16

Morning and Afternoon Sessions

BRUNCH WITH THE EXHIBITORS

Frisco 6-9, 9 am - 11:30 am

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**TXSFMA - luncheon
for member 12 pm- 1 pm**

Location: Ranger/Seabiscuit/Traveler
Annual Meeting for Texas Chapter. Agenda
will be communicated to membership.



**Turfgrass Producers of Texas Luncheon /
Annual Meeting
for member 12 pm- 1pm**

Location: Hamilton-Lebanon Schools



Wednesday, December 16

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

GOLF SESSIONS

FRISCO 3

1:15 pm: Nutrient Management of Golf Courses: Two Decades of Progress and What Is Next

- Travis Shaddox

2:15 pm: Effects of NOAA FRET Irrigation Level, Species, and Pre-Harvest N on Putting Green Establishment

- Jyoti Verma

SPORTS SESSIONS

FRISCO 4

1:15 pm: Managing Turf in the Real World: Water, Light, Temperature, and Nutrition

- Dr. Bryan Unruh

2:15 pm: FIFA Pitch Construction – Overview of World Cup

- Dan Bergstrom

PROFESSIONAL TURF & LANDSCAPE

FRISCO 5

1:15 pm: Integrated Management of Turfgrass Pests: An IPM Approach

- Dr. Rafia Khan

2:15 pm: Dispelling Some of the Most Common Myths in Turfgrass Science

- Travis Shaddox

3:15 pm: Laws and Regulations

- Janet Hurley





Special Thank You to Our Speakers



Bryce Stuckenschneider



Dan Bergstrom



Jyoti Verma



Ambika Chandra, Ph.D
Assistant Director
Dallas Center



Mike Richardson



Brad Jakubowski



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Travis Shaddox



Brian Cloud



Kyle Cloud