



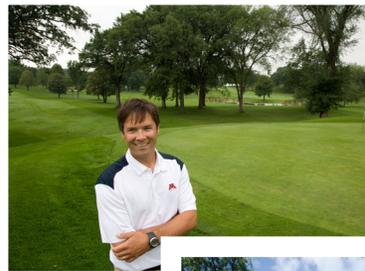
## EXTENSION PROGRAM

# Turfgrass Management

Field-based research supports turf production and maintenance

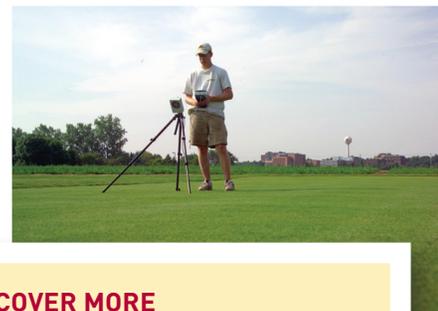
### EDUCATION PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT

Turfgrass is an important component of urban and rural landscapes, preventing erosion by wind and water; enhancing flood control; improving biodegradation of organic chemicals; and providing noise abatement, visual pollution control, a favorable wildlife habitat, and a cooling effect during warm weather. Lawns are decorative and enhance the beauty of the landscape and provide areas for recreation. The use of turfgrass in landscapes for recreation and sports use enriches the quality of life for the communities of our state. Applied field-based research plots in more than a dozen locations provide ongoing research results that aid both commercial turfgrass producers and home owners caring for their yards.



### WHAT WE OFFER

Extension's turfgrass team gives presentations and talks, creates educational materials for the Extension website such as the *Is this plant a weed?* diagnostic module, and provides advanced training for turf professionals and researchers. Specifically, the offerings include the Phosphorus Fertilizer Training Program, Regional School of Turfgrass Management, Turf Managers Short Course, pesticide certification workshops, and material included in Master Gardener training. In addition, the program sponsors the annual Turf and Grounds Field Day.



### DISCOVER MORE

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