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## 2025 Turf & Landscape Field Day was a HIT with Industry Professionals!

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The 2025 Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day took place on July 8 at the W.H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center in West Lafayette, drawing professionals from across Indiana and the Midwest. In addition to the 350 attendees, there were 30 exhibitors featured in the trade show.



The event began in the morning with a series of in-depth research tours led by Purdue faculty, staff, and graduate students. The morning sessions focused on four key areas: IPM in lawn care, lawn care management, golf, and landscape. Attendees were able to engage directly with current research, field trials, and best management practices on topics such as disease, insects, fertilization, weed control, equipment maintenance, and sustainable maintenance practices.

After a great lunch, the afternoon transitioned into workshops designed to give participants practical experience. Highlights included a landscape diagnostic tour that walked attendees through real-world plant health issues, a weed identification and control workshop, a sports turf tour at Purdue's baseball stadium, and a tour of Purdue's new golf course facilities.

Throughout the day, attendees also had the opportunity to explore the trade show featuring 30 vendors and exhibitors. The trade show displayed the latest equipment, products, and services available to the turf and landscape industry, including cutting-edge turf machinery, soil amendments, and pest management tools. The Field Day successfully combined education, hands-on learning, and industry networking, continuing Purdue's tradition of supporting green industry professionals with research-based knowledge and practical solutions.

Don't miss the 2026 Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the W.H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center in West Lafayette.

## Congrats to the MRTF's Award of Achievement Winners

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The MRTF Award of Achievement, established in 2005, was created to honor those who unselfishly have given to the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation, the turf industry, or the Purdue University Turf Program. The award recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to improving the turfgrass industry in Indiana while also demonstrating high standards of professional and personal conduct.

This year, our winners were Jeff Sexton {Evansville Country Club}, Dan Dinelli (and the Dinelli Family) {Northshore Country Club}, and Bob Freske – posthumously {Advanced Turf Solutions; retired}. We were able to celebrate their achievements at a wonderful reception held at Walt's Pub & Grill in West Lafayette the evening before the Turf & Landscape Field Day. It was a packed house to honor these amazing industry professionals and their families for their impact on the industry!

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## Golf for a Cause – 2025 MRTF Golf Day Fundraiser

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October 13th, 2025 @ Warren Golf Course, Notre Dame, IN



Our Annual Golf Day Fundraiser is always an enjoyable day of networking and fellowship with turf industry professionals! The goal is to raise awareness of programs and activities of the Purdue Turf Program and to support and promote turfgrass research and education. The event rotates around to different premier golf courses. This year, we will hold this event at Warren Golf Course in Notre Dame, IN. The field is limited to 120 players and we anticipate filling the field again this year! Join us for this fun event and help us work toward our annual fundraising goals.

### Schedule:

- 9:00 am – Driving range opens
- 9:30 am – Registration opens
- 10:45 am – Call to carts and announcements
- 11:00 am – Shotgun start
- After completion of play – Reception with awards and prizes

[CLICK HERE](#) to register your foursome and/or sponsor this event.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an info sheet on sponsorship opportunities.

*If you have questions or are in need of assistance, please contact Randy Brehmer at [lrgn18@aol.com](mailto:lrgn18@aol.com) or Ashley Breed at [admin@mrtf.org](mailto:admin@mrtf.org).*

***Please note: Event times listed are in Eastern Standard Times. As always, no outside beverages allowed.***

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## Campus Spotlight – W.H. Daniel Center Classroom Gets a New Look!

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The classroom/conference room at the Daniel Turfgrass Research Building received a complete renovation this summer. Work on the project, sponsored by the Office of the Indiana State Chemist, began May 1<sup>st</sup> and was completed in time for attendees of the Lawncare Diagnostic Training Seminar in mid-August. The Turf Center building was constructed in 1999, and the classroom received a minor facelift in 2012 with new paint, flooring, and reupholstering of the chairs. This renovation went much deeper to become a complete remake of the room.

- New ceilings with the ceiling height maximized were installed. The simplified configuration is clean and attractive, with the hidden projector shelf adding a smart touch.
- A cleaner, simplified design was created by removing the folding room divider wall as well as the cabinets containing the old lighting controls, and moving the wiring from the wall surface chases into the walls.
- The even LED lighting, removal of the old room divider, and elimination of the bulky AV box have transformed the room's circulation and overall atmosphere.
- The sound-damping wood detail behind the markerboard creates both function and a striking focal point, improving the acoustics and aesthetics of the room.
- The new flooring and updated furniture make the room feel lighter and the room configuration easier.
- The highly-integrated AV system equipped with new speakers and microphones allows for remote teaching/meeting capabilities.

The classroom/conference room at the Daniel Turfgrass Research Building has been utilized by many groups in the green industry as well as Purdue hosting 3,000-5,000 visitors/year for over 26 years. With completion of this renovation, the Turf Center is set to serve well as a meeting and training venue for the years ahead.

## Research Spotlight – Dr. Lee Miller’s Disease Report

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If you don’t already know, Dr. Lee Miller releases seasonal disease reports that the MRTF shares with all their members. These reports are shared via email whenever they become available. If you are not receiving these reports regularly, please check your spam/junk folder or email [admin@mrtf.org](mailto:admin@mrtf.org) to be sure that you’re on the email list.

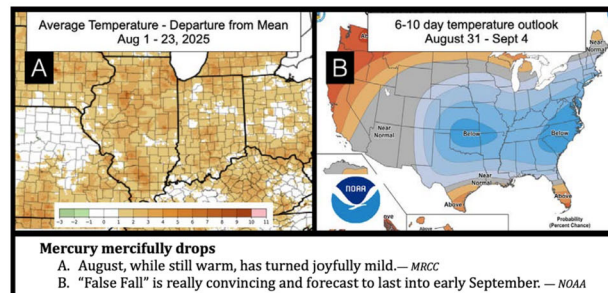
The latest report, from August 26th, has been released. A preview is below. If you’re interested in the full report, please click the link under the preview to download. We hope by sharing these reports, that our members will gain knowledge and insight about dangers presented to turfgrass and how to deal with them. Enjoy!

### August 26, 2025: Cool Breeze Offers Some Ease

#### Cool Breeze Offers Some Ease

*Summer patch hits hard in early August; fall rust outbreaks causing orange shoes; cool temperatures allowing a head start on recovery plans*

#### Weather



August in the region started cool, got back to summer hot, and now dare I say it feels like fall. This "false fall" in Indiana certainly is convincing as a stagnant high-pressure dome descended from Canada last week. Today was the coldest August 26 in the last 43 years with lows in the 40s across upper and middle Indiana. Recent temperatures have been 10-12 degrees below normal and brought monthly average temperatures back to near average after a solid span of heat with 90F + highs from August 8 – 19. The total number of days >= 90 F in Indy is 29 days, 5<sup>th</sup> most in the last 15 years (2018 – 38 and the brutal three year stretch from 2010 – 37, 2011 – 42, and 2012 – 51 days). With the prescribed forecast indicating no major shifts, *perhaps* the summer spikes are finished and the time is nigh to get into recovery mode.



[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE FULL REPORT](#)

## 2025 MRTF Membership Update

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We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all who have chosen to be 2025 MRTF Members this year. Please see below for a breakdown (to date) and some additional links to important member info.

### Membership breakdown:

- **TOTAL 2025 Members: 405**
- Individual Members: 95

- Business Bronze Members: 199
- Business Silver Members: 31
- Business Gold Members: 36
- Retired Members: 14
- Student Members: 30
- \*SUSTAINING MEMBERS: 70

### Sustaining Membership:

Sustaining members give \$200 (in addition to their regular membership fee) which helps to fund Daniel Turf Center improvements and contributes \$50 towards a NEW sustaining member student scholarship. Sustaining members are also recognized at the Indiana Green Expo, Field Day, here on the MRTF Website, and at the MRTF annual meeting. In addition, they will receive a sustaining member lapel pin and an MRTF "Sustaining Member" logo for their company website or business card.

If you or your company is already a regular member but would like to upgrade your membership to a sustaining one, please contact Ashley Breed at [admin@mrtf.org](mailto:admin@mrtf.org) or call 765-494-8039.

For a full list of all our 2025 Sustaining Members, please visit <https://mrtf.org/members/sustaining-members/>.

### Additional Membership Information:

- Membership descriptions and pricing – <https://mrtf.org/members/membership/>
- Regular Membership Directory (downloadable) – <https://mrtf.org/about-mrtf/members-list/>
- Expanded Membership Directory (downloadable) – <https://mrtf.org/members-only/expanded-membership-directory/> (please note: you will need your membership password to access this page. This can be found in your original confirmation email. If you need assistance, please

email Ashley Breed at [admin@mrtf.org](mailto:admin@mrtf.org))

## 2025-2026 MRTF Calendar of Events

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February 10-12, 2025

Indiana Green Expo; Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

July 8, 2025

Turf & Landscape Field Day; Daniel Turf Center, W Lafayette, IN

August 14, 2025

Lawncare Diagnostic Training; Daniel Turf Center, W Lafayette, IN

### September 23, 2025

MRTF Day of Service; Delphi, IN

### October 13, 2025

MRTF Golf Day-Fundraiser; Warren Course, Notre Dame, IN

### November 1 - December 31, 2025 (tentative start date...)

Herbicide Workshop, ONLINE

### November 19-20, 2025

Turf & Landscape Seminar; Daniel Turf Center, West Lafayette, IN

### November 25, 2025

Herbicide Workshop, Shelbyville, KY

### December 16, 2025

Herbicide Workshop; Daniel Turf Center, West Lafayette, IN

### February 8-11, 2026

Indiana Green Expo; Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

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### Other

Day of Service, TBA

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