Accelerating Turfgrass Grow-in From Sprigs or Sod Starting at the Sod Farm Kathie E. Kalmowitz, Ph.D.

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Lexicon Intrinsic brand fungicide-

Root growth enhancement and greater turfgrass health



Lexicon treated turf has longer denser roots under drought



Lexicon cool season turfgrass have stronger roots as tension is measured



Champion treated sprigsreplicated simulated grow-in

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Model Proposed for Plant Health Benefits Derived With Pyraclostrobin

Inhibits Electron Transport **Reduces Plant Stress** increases **Reduces Stress Activates Plant** Antioxidative **Induced Ethylene** Defense Responses[†] Capacity Mitochondria Plants Fungi Nitric Oxide (NO) Activates Low Cellular Nitrate ATP Levels **Increases** Plant Reductase **Growth Efficiency** Increases Nitrate Nitrite Increases liet **Carbon &** Nitrogen Photosynthesis Assimilation

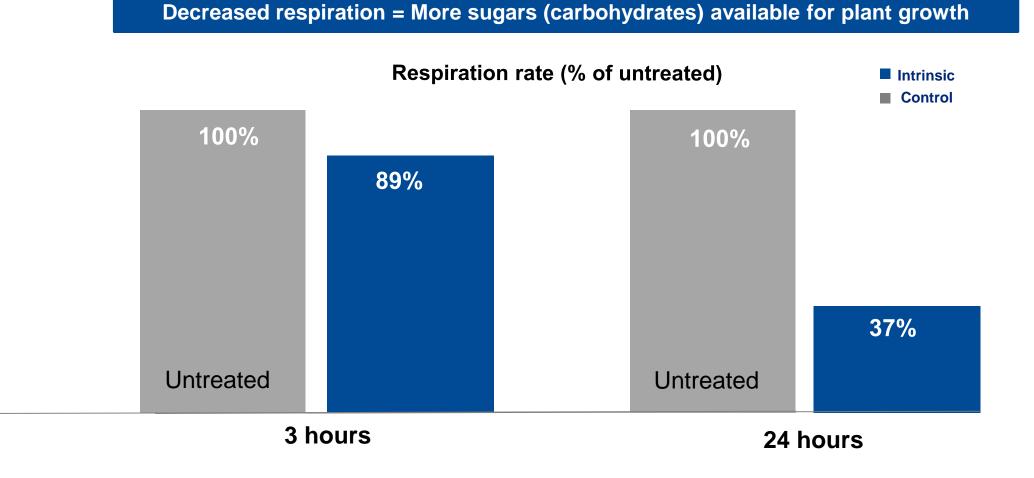
*red lines indicate inhibition of pathway or process **blue arrows indicate activation of pathway or process *Increased tolerance to bacterial and viral infections

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Pyraclostrobin

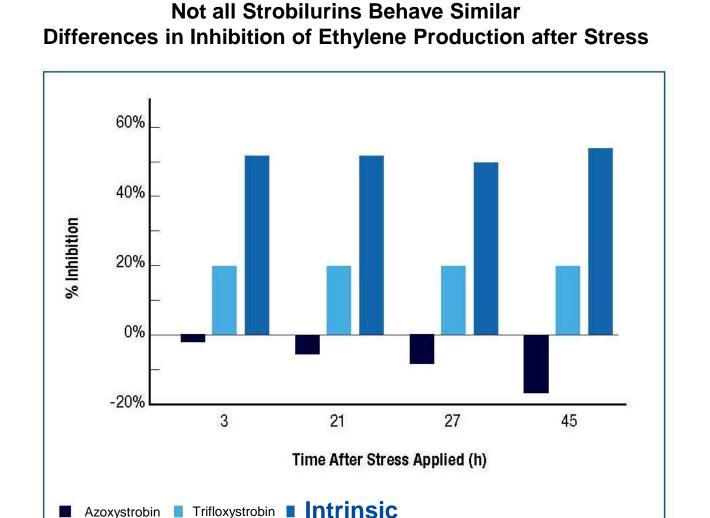


Decrease in Plant Respiration: Increased Growth Efficiency





Intrinsic: Inhibition of Ethylene Production



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Champions Turf Farms, Bay City, TX 2017



Bay City sod farm owner identifies field pretreated with Lexicon Intrinsic resulted in greater sprig growth prior to harvest



Resilient - Hydrated Sprigs Treated with Lexicon Intrinsic





Protocol For Champion Sod Farm and At Sprigging for Pinehurst

- Sprigs Treated at Champion Sod Farm, Bay City, TX
- Lexicon Intrinsic applied <u>28 days and 5 days</u> before harvest
- Both applications were Lexicon Intrinsic fungicide at 0.47 fl oz/1000 sq ft
- Greens were sprigged on June 14th, 2017
- Greens #2, #4, #5 and #6 were split in half with ½ pre-treated Lexicon Intrinsic fungicide sprigs and ½ non-treated sprigs from the sod farm.
- All fertilization, mowing and topdressing consistent for all greens

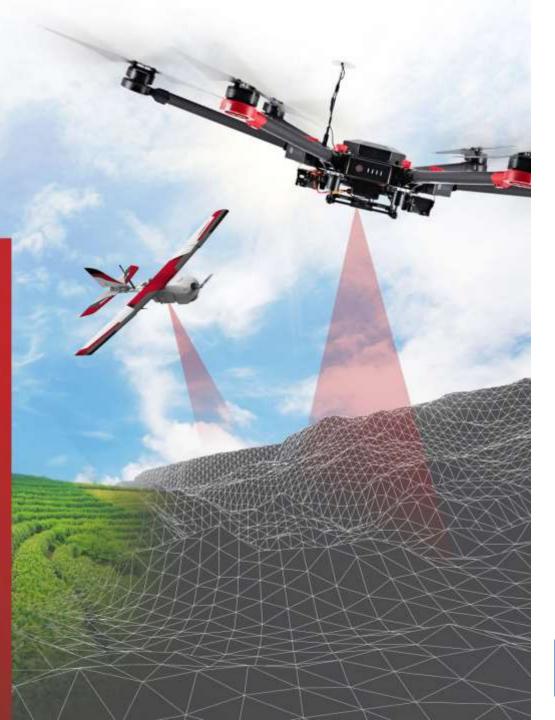




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Course NO. 7 Turf Health Comparison Using Aerial Imagery

September 19, 2017





Capturing Your Renovation Project – Drones and Digital Analysis





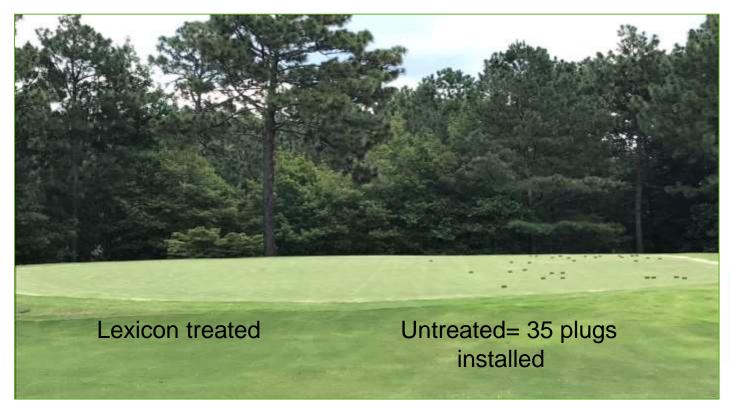


Resilient - Hydrated Sprigs Treated with Lexicon Intrinsic at Pinehurst

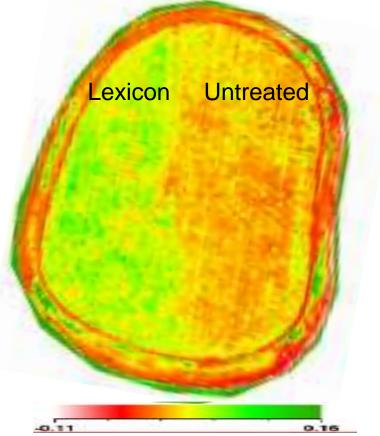




Pinehurst Grow-In 2017: In Review



Green Leaf Index at 50 M



Pinehurst #7 Drone recording Green Leaf Index 6 WAS, right



Club at Mediterra, Naples FL– Tif Eagle Grow-In 2017

Protocol for Pike Creek June and August 2017 (South and North Courses)

- Lexicon Intrinsic applied at 0.47 fl oz / 1000 sq ft 5-10 days prior to the cutting/ washing/ shipping.
- Apply at required spray volume of 70-75 gal/Ac.

* Irrigation should occur directly following the application so that Lexicon Intrinsic is moved off the foliage, through the thatch and into the root zone.

Original plan was to have 2-4 greens spilt for comparison of treated and non-treated sprigs. Due to weather conditions that was abandon –all greens had pre-treated sprigs.



Club at Mediterra, Naples FL– TifEagle Grow-In 2017

Treatment Protocol for Club Mediterra

Date	Product Application	Rate per 1000 sq ft
May 26	Daconil Ultrex + Signature Xtra Stressgard	3.2 oz + 4 oz
May 31	Lexicon Intrinsic	0.47 fl oz
June 5	Segway fungicide + Daconil Ultrex	0.45 oz 3.2 oz
† June 14	Lexicon Intrinsic *	0.34 fl oz *
June 21	Daconil Ultrex + Signature Xtra Stressgard	3.2 oz + 4 oz
June 26-28	Lexicon Intrinsic + Segway fungicide	0.34 fl oz + 0.45 oz
July 5	Daconil Ultrex + Signature Xtra Stressgard	3.2 oz + 4 oz
July 12	Lexicon Intrinsic	0.34 fl oz

* May-August 2017 Lexicon Intrinsic lower total rate per year/acre label







All pictures courtesy of Tim Hiers, The Club at Mediterra Director of Agronomy



Experimental Grow-In at Clemson Pee Dee Station, 2017



Slide courtesy of Dr. Martin

- TifEagle sprigs, 35 bushels per 1000 ft2
- Treated 0.47 oz Lexicon 7 days before harvest at New Life Turf Farm
- No fungicide sprigs also harvested same field, same time
- Sprigs planted the next day at Clemson
 Pee Dee Research & Education Center
 12,000 ft² research green, USGA specs





To Left: Sprigs treated with Lexicon Intrinsic at the Sod Farm To Right: Sprigs not treated with Lexicon Intrinsic at Sod Farm

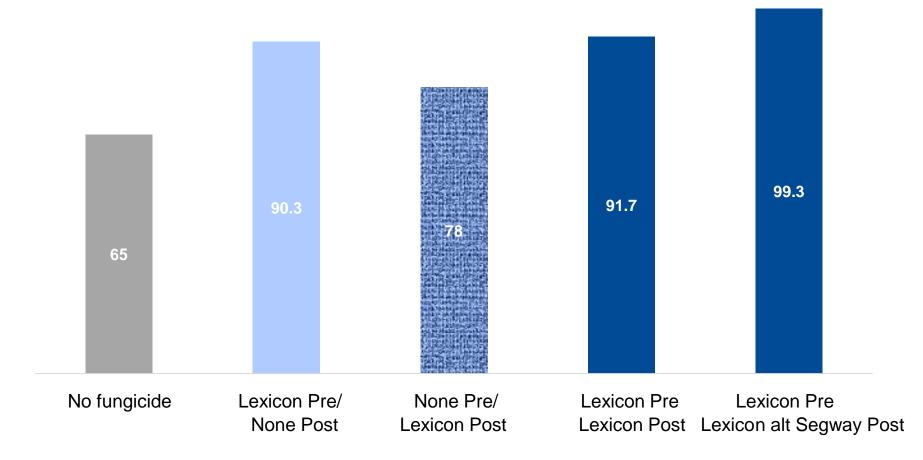
Grow-In at Six Weeks After Sprigging

Clemson Univ. Pee Dee Research & Education Center picture and data courtesy of Dr. Bruce Martin, 2017



Effect of Lexicon on Sprig Quality and Establishment -SC

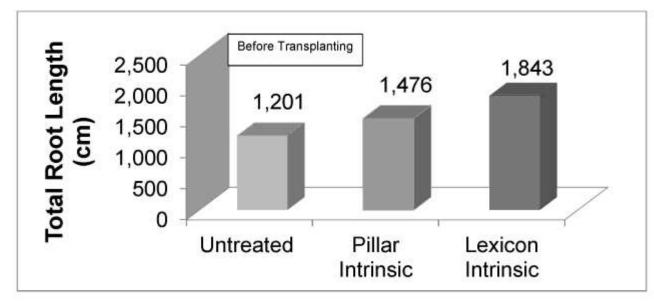
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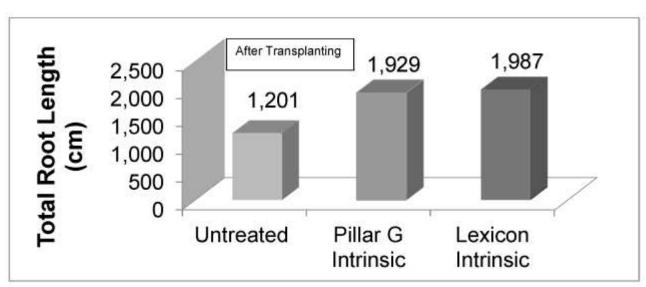




Data courtesy of Dr. Bruce Martin, Clemson REC, Florence, SC 2017

Rooting Response with Sod: Before and After Transplanting





Before applications to St. Augustinegrass made 14-days prior to cutting sod for transplanting. Treatment cores measured by Winrhizo; statistically different from untreated. Dr. Bruce Martin, Clemson University, 2012.



The Key Take-Away to What Has Been Seen

- Grow-in on time; every course reported successful renovations, greater speed to coverage
- Labor savings Lexicon Intrinsic treatment resulted in denser greens, less holes On average, 35 plugs needed for each non pre-treated side of greens
- Sprigs come that look better- more hydrated, root quicker: the result is reported better overall healthy turfgrass
- The pre-treatment at sod farm resulted in less call back to farm- an Insurance policy for both grower and superintendent



Lexicon Intrinsic Cost for Sod Farm Application Prio to Grow-In

- Lexicon Intrinsic cost per acre = \$483.84 or \$11.11 per 1,000
- One acre of treated sod can produce enough sprigs to cover 18 greens-Lexicon Intrinsic average cost per green = \$26.88
- Average green size of 5,000 sq ft Lexicon Intrinsic cost is = \$5.38/ 1,000 (\$0.005 / sq ft)
- 100,000 square feet of greens / course = \$4.84 / 1,000 for Lexicon (\$0.005 / sq ft)
- Sprigs are sold per square feet: 100,000 at \$484 = (\$0.004 / sq ft)
- In summary, Lexicon Intrinsic cost the sod grower less than ½ cent per square ft per app





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