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NTEP *Comings and Goings*

Dear Kevin,

I am pleased to distribute this first issue of *NTEP Comings and Goings*. I hope you find it informative and useful. If you have any questions about the content or suggestions for future issues, please contact me.

Enjoy!

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NTEP releases first data on 2008 Bentgrass Trials

If you are looking for data on the latest bentgrass cultivars, NTEP has just posted the first data from its latest putting green managed cultivar trials, planted in fall 2008 or spring 2009. Go here: [2009 results of bentgrass putting green trials](#) to access the latest data on the NTEP web site. Included in the data are information on cultivar response to traffic, aeration, and disease, as well as turfgrass quality, density, ground cover and other ratings, from multiple university trial locations.

Be on the lookout for more bentgrass data as NTEP will soon release its first data from the 2008 Fairway Bentgrass Test!



NTEP develops plans for a new perennial ryegrass trial to be planted in fall 2010:

A new opportunity in cultivar evaluation

NTEP is finalizing its plans for a new perennial ryegrass trial, to be established at multiple locations in fall 2010. This trial will initiate a new emphasis for NTEP - collecting more specific data on various traits of interest. Traits such as drought tolerance, salt tolerance, and traffic tolerance, will be more completely evaluated, at more locations in the past. Turfgrass quality, disease resistance and other traits will be evaluated as well, as in past NTEP trials. Please watch future issues of *Comings and Goings* for further information on this new, exciting opportunity.

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NTEP Survey yields interesting results!

Thus far, the NTEP Survey has shown what our clientele desire in turfgrass data, as well as their opinions on how to progress in turfgrass evaluations.

The most important reasons for people to visit the NTEP site include: 1) to identify the best cultivar(s) for their location, 2) to compare several cultivars for many traits, and 3) to determine the best turfgrass cultivar for a specific problem.

The top three turfgrass characteristics noted by survey respondents include (respondents %) 1) highest turfgrass quality (67.6%), 2) best overall disease resistance (49.7%), and 3) traffic tolerance (46.2%). Also important is staying green during drought (39.3%) and surviving drought (35.3%).

On the question of whether a web-based database to sort and report specific cultivar information would be useful, an overwhelming majority (71.6%) of respondents would either pay for that service or may pay for the service, depending on the quality of the reports delivered.

Survey respondents include professional turf managers, breeders, researchers, marketers and a significant percentage (23.1) of homeowners.

We need many more of you to take our survey. If you have not done so, please click [here](#) to take the NTEP Survey.

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Thanks for reading about the exciting happenings at NTEP. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at 301-504-5125 or kmorris@ntep.org.

Sincerely,

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