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SUBJECT: 2020 National Bentgrass (Putting Green) Test  
TO: Cooperators  
FROM: Kevin N. Morris, Executive Director   
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The National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) is sponsoring a bentgrass (putting green) test to be established in fall 2020 at 20-25 locations across the United States and Canada. This test will be planted in 5' x 5' or similar size plots with three replications. Estimated number of entries is 20-25.

**This test will be assembled in 'standard' and 'ancillary' tests. If you have facilities/expertise available to evaluate important traits of bentgrass, please note those capabilities on the attached questionnaire. Also, please note that trials can be established on a university research facility, or 'on-site', i.e. a golf course facility.**

A "standard" evaluation would include seedling vigor or establishment ratings, leaf texture, genetic color, spring greenup, quality ratings for each month throughout the growing season and ratings for any disease or insect resistance, cold or drought tolerance, etc. that becomes evident in test plots. Grant or contract forms will be supplied to cooperators by the NTEP.

This trial will run for five years and funding will be provided for both standard and ancillary trial evaluations. Since we are uncertain of the number of entries we will receive, we are unsure of funding levels that we will have available for this trial. Therefore, information on the amount of funding to cooperators will be provided later.

If you are interested in establishing this test, please complete the attached questionnaire and return to me by **November 1, 2019** (by mail or fax, 301-504-5167). Please understand that we will use the maintenance level you provide on the questionnaire as a guide and we may modify that later if you are chosen to evaluate this test.

If you have any questions concerning this test, feel free to contact me (301-504-5125 office, 301-873-6545 mobile or [kmorris@ntep.org](mailto:kmorris@ntep.org)).

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**2020 NATIONAL BENTGRASS (PUTTING GREEN) TEST  
(Official Test)**

Questionnaire on interest in participating in a national test to evaluate  
bentgrass varieties and experimental selections

1. ADDRESS

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Bldg., Street \_\_\_\_\_

P. O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ FAX No. \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many locations of this test would you like to establish? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What maintenance regime do you plan for this test? \_\_\_\_\_" mowing height \_\_\_\_\_ lbs/Nitrogen/1000 sq.ft./yr

Irrigation regime: \_\_\_\_\_ infrequent or no irrigation

\_\_\_\_\_ irrigation to prevent dormancy

\_\_\_\_\_ irrigation to prevent stress

4. Will funding be requested for this test? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No For how many locations? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What other evaluations, (possibly for additional funding), would you be willing to conduct on this test? Please explain.

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6. COMMENTS:

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Return questionnaire to: Kevin Morris, Executive Director or Christine Knisley, Office Manager  
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