



Grass Clippings

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PREPARE FOR MORE "TOUGH" SUMMERS

The summers of 1952 and 1953 have been considered severe on turf. Compare the following readings taken at the weather station on the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station grounds at New Brunswick, New Jersey. The year 1952 might be classed as more severe than average because of higher temperatures. While the 1953 temperatures did not differ greatly from the average, the deficit in summer rainfall still made 1953 a tough year for grass.

Some Temperature and Rainfall Data Collected at New Brunswick, N. J.:-

MONTH	YEAR	AV. TEMPERATURE		NO. DAYS ABOVE 90°	RAINFALL INCHES
		MAXIMUM	MINIMUM		
June	1952	83.1	61.0	8	4.72
June	1953	83.5	57.5	7	3.22
47 year av.		79.5	60.1	4*	3.81
July	1952	88.5	66.5	16	4.66
July	1953	86.3	62.2	8	3.06
47 year av.		84.3	65.6	8*	5.07
August	1952	82.5	63.3	0	7.22
August	1953	85.0	58.9	7	2.63
47 year av.		82.3	63.8	6*	5.24
September	1952	78.9	54.9	2	3.42
September	1953	80.5	54.7	4	1.25
47 year av.		75.9	57.2	2*	3.85

*19 year averages

Since most every summer has some characteristic that causes grass to suffer, everyone should prepare for this troublesome season in advance. Certainly an efficient watering system and program is most valuable. Now is the time to remodel outmoded watering facilities.

Grasses have shown greater ability to survive severe summers on adequately limed soils. Fall and winter is the season for liming those soils requiring treatment.

Cultivation of thatch-troubled areas encourages decomposition of the thatch and opens the thatch to water penetration. Some cultivation of potential "dry spots" in fall and spring should mean fewer dry spots next summer.

Review your program now to determine what insurance you might take in advance of next summer's heat and drought.

MEETING NOTICE

Our next regular monthly meeting will be held at the Plainfield Country Club, Plainfield, N.J., on Tuesday, November 10. Supt. "Red" Wender, your host for the day, says to bring your clubs and play a round of golf. We have our order in for another sunny, balmy day such as we experienced at Somerset Hills, so how about playing one more round of golf before old man winter sets in. Dinner is scheduled for 6 P.M. sharp, to be followed by a business meeting of the Association. We have many things to discuss and settle at this time, and need everyone of you there for your opinions.

After our business meeting, we will have a good old fashioned bull session on some of the trials and tribulations of this past season.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Just announcing about our successful Supt.-Pro meeting at Somerset Hills Country Club, Bernardsville, N.J. on October 15. It sure was a splendid affair and put on by veteran Nick Florio, who knows how to handle these affairs by now. Nick had the course in tip-top shape, and that along with the natural scenery and pleas-

ant Indian Summer weather, made it a perfect day. One hundred golfers were out playing that afternoon, of which fifty of these made up teams of Professionals and Superintendents. Top honors went to Nick Florio and his Pro, Ted Smith (naturally as Nick has been out practicing for the past two months) as they came in with a best ball of 64. Runners-up were Ben Dziedic and Professional Bud Geeghagan from Crestmont Country Club.

After our afternoon of golf, 76 Supts., Pros. and guests sat down to a delicious roast beef dinner. We had many dignitaries at the table who had to be called on to say a few words, which was followed by an illustrated talk on the activities of the N.Y. Port Authority by Charles Carlson, Chief Acct. for the Port Authority. This event, which was started five years ago by Carl Treat, has now grown into one of our big and interesting meetings of the year. It certainly has done much to promote an understanding between the Superintendent and the Professional and we hope that it will continue to grow every year.

DO NOT FORGET We need your support at the November meeting at which time we have to discuss many things of major importance. Among them are:

1. Miami Show and Conference.
2. Annual Party of our Association

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