

2013 Turfgrass Expo & Field Day

There is something for the professional and homeowner at the 19th Annual Turfgrass Expo & Field Day. You'll see and learn the newest in the areas of lawn grass varieties, weed control and many other topics related to selecting, establishing and maintaining a Florida lawn.

This University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) event will take place on June 19 at the West Florida Research and Education Center (WFREC) in the north part of Santa Rosa County.

The turfgrass research facility is one of the largest in the Southeast and is part of the larger WFREC. The turfgrass research part of the center contains hundreds of turfgrass varieties, which are intentionally planted in blocks for research purposes. You'll see the newest centipede, St. Augustine, zoysia, Bermuda, bahia and other grass varieties. UF/IFAS Researchers will be onsite during the field day to share their research on weed control, lawn insects, new lawn grasses and more.

The Turfgrass Expo & Field Day begins with registration at 7:45 a.m. followed by turfgrass research tours beginning at 9 a.m. and a catered lunch at noon. After lunch, they will have vendor updates and equipment demonstrations. Beginning at 2 p.m., educational workshops will be provided. There will be workshops for both the professional needing continuing education to maintain their pesticide licenses as well as for the homeowner. The event concludes at 3 p.m. with door prizes. Attending the workshops is optional.

This popular expo and field day attracts hundreds of attendees and includes research plot tours, workshops, equipment demonstrations, a weed ID contest, continuing education, lunch, door prizes, vendors and exhibits.

Registration fee is \$40. Register online at <http://gcturfgrassexpo2013.eventbrite.com> or register at the event. For more information, contact Robin Vickers at (850) 983-5216 ext. 113 or visit <http://wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/events>.

The WFREC is located in the beautiful farming area of Northern Santa Rosa County on Highway 182 between Allen Town and Jay. This event is outdoors so bring your sunscreen and insect repellent.

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