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The constant abuse and injury inflicted upon sports turf invites annual and perennial weeds to invade. The tears and craters in the turf we call divots are perfect seedbeds for germinating weeds. Preemergence herbicides control these weeds before they get established. However, they can also slow down establishment of overseeded turfgrasses, sod or sprigs if not applied at the right time and at the right rates. Extension turf specialists and herbicide manufacturers explain how preemergence herbicides can help sports turf managers gain control over serious weeds such as crabgrass, goosegrass and spurge. The keys are selecting the right herbicide and making the application fit into your maintenance schedule.

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The type of mower you use can have a big impact on the efficiency of your maintenance operation and the quality of turfgrass you provide. Manufacturers, spurred by the growth of the professional turf industry, are designing mowers that precisely meet the needs of the sports turf manager. This article tracks the development of professional mowing equipment from the early part of this century—from the horse-drawn reel gang to the "prime mover" of today. Never before have mowers been more maneuverable, more efficient and more flexible than today. Read this article and evaluate your present mowing equipment.

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