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MAIN EVENTS

8 *Your Fields as the Public Sees Them: Is Perception Reality?*

For you and other sports turf managers, there seems to be one defining moment each year when your field is on display big time. It's your major "bowl" game, and others judge your maintenance program's success or failure based on this game. But it shouldn't be that way — if you regularly communicate with others and give them enough information so they can appreciate your efforts year round.

14 *Winter Management of Cool Season Turf*

Cool season turfgrasses begin preparing themselves for winter dormancy as day length shortens and temperatures cool each fall. The steps you take now will impact turf survival in winter conditions, how well it tolerates those conditions if it does survive, and how effectively it regains vigor in the spring.

22 *Tools for Sand-Based Rootzone Management*

If you don't already, you should periodically monitor and record rootzone conditions, which can alert you to trends that affect turf growth and performance. Agronomist Michael DePew outlines the tools you'll need.

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Arizona State University's stadium stands ready for its "bowl" game. Photo courtesy: Trusty & Associates.