



METEORLOGIX

Field maintenance, crew scheduling, knowing when to chalk the field or close a stadium roof, are all important aspects of a sports turf manager's job. And most importantly, all of these responsibilities and decisions are affected by weather. Using a modern weather system can help sports turf managers make these decisions more wisely by keeping them informed of accurate, location-specific weather information. Increasing the ease and accuracy in making these critical decisions can help reduce costs, maximize resources and minimize risks. Real-time, location-specific weather services can make your job easier by providing critical weather information like local forecasts in hourly intervals. Weather systems also have the capability to predict precipitation for an exact location. Since

many stadiums are outdoors, weather systems identify your exact location and automatically monitor real-time radar data for information on when precipitation will start and how long it will last at your exact location. Alarms can also be set to notify you of the type and intensity precipitation, whether heavy to light; giving advance warning so work can be postponed if necessary. The system's future radar capability projects weather movement 90 minutes into the future allowing you to view a storm's path and understand when and where it will hit. Users can view forecasts 10 days into the future to know when to expect major weather changes, such as frost or heat waves. In an effort to "go where you go" sports turf managers can receive weather alerts via e-mail, cell phone, PDA or pager, allowing them to access weather updates relevant to their exact locations of interest no matter where they are located. Another helpful tool is the system's alert manager, which can be customized to the specific needs of turf customers for watches, warnings, advisories, and individualized weather parameters like temperature, wind, rain and other critical weather factors. The warnings can be accompanied by an audible alarm, so when the National Weather Service issues a watch, warning, or advisory that affects your area, sports turf managers are forewarned and know when to halt work, and pull crew members off the field. Based in Minneapolis, Meteorlogix delivers industry-specific weather management capabilities for its customers to manage business risks, maximize personal safety and minimal financial loss. Additional information can be found at www.meteorlogix.com.
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TIFSPORT

Why Does This Certified Bermudagrass Variety Make Such Good Sense for Sunbelt Playing Fields?

Closer Mowing Heights

Research conducted in Tifton GA shows that TifSport can tolerate closer mowing heights than Tifway and Midiron. With TifSport, mowing fanatics can mow away to their heart's content.

Superior Turf Density

TifSport has a greater density than Tifway - about a 1 point difference on a 10 point scale. And it's about 3 points better than common bermudagrass.

Good Lateral Growth

TifSport is more aggressive than genetically pure Tifway, especially during the cool weather months. This may account for TifSport's rapid grow-in and repair time.

Superior Sod Strength

TifSport's superior sod strength means quicker installation with less waste, and that's got to be good for your bottom line.

Excellent Traffic Tolerance

TifSport's turf density, sod strength and good lateral growth rate give it a high ranking for traffic tolerance.

Upright Leaf Blade Orientation

TifSport's leaf blade stiffness is being touted by many turfgrass professionals. With TifSport players seem to get better bounces.

Impressive Leaf Texture

TifSport has a similar leaf texture to Tifway, and a finer leaf texture than most other grasses. TifSport will deliver excellent footing for sports fields of all stripes.

Dark Green Color

Pastel green is passé. TifSport's dark emerald green color will make your fields the envy of the neighborhood.

Drought Tough

All grass has to have water, but TifSport can help you make it through those summer water restrictions. It stays healthier and recovers faster from drought than most other bermudas.

Cold Tolerant

TifSport has expanded the northern limit for warm season bermudagrasses. It has survived multiple winters as far north as Stillwater OK & Lexington KY.

Pest Resistant

Research has shown that mole crickets just plain don't like TifSport. That's just one more reason why you should.

Vigorous Root System

This inside view of a typical TifSport plug shows TifSport's impressive root system, stolons and rhizomes.

For a List of Licensed TifSport Growers Visit:
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