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may warrant not verticutting as planned so be flexible as with any cultural practice,” Bergdoll wrote. “On native soils, irrigate the field before verticutting to soften the soil allowing the blades to cut into the soil easier. The material that is removed from verticutting can be used to sprig bare or thin areas.”

Daily said, “Don’t be afraid to do it. The first time I verticut, I thought I had killed the plant with all the thatch and vegetation that

was pulled up. Two weeks later the plants were in incredible shape, growing vigorously and healthy. Also, try and get down into the thatch layer at least once to help control the organic matter the natural grass produces.” ■

