

# Green Section Record

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## How Do I Know If I Have A Nematode Problem?

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Nematodes are an increasing problem on golf courses both in fact and perception. Some of this is due to changing agronomic practices, but there are other contributing factors as well.

Nematodes were once considered a problem that only affected golf courses in the southeastern United States. Now, however, there is increasing concern about nematodes among golf course superintendents nationwide. Are nematodes really becoming more of an issue and, if so, why? Should you be concerned?

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### Multimedia Content



#### Fore The Golfer Video: Pest Management On Golf Courses

Superintendents strive to maintain healthy turf, but a lot of factors can stress playing surfaces. Whether the stress factors are easy to diagnose or more challenging, superintendents leverage their knowledge and experience to make environmentally and economically sustainable decisions.

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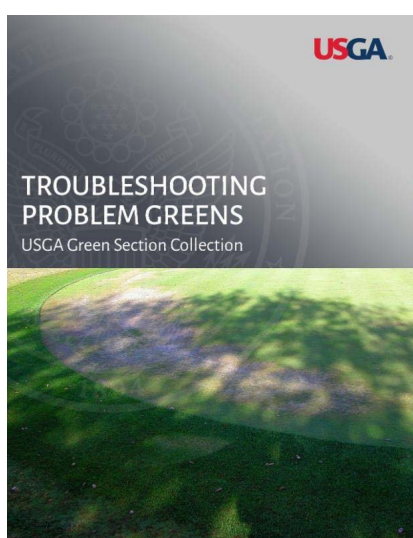


#### Fore The Golfer Video: Spraying On The Golf Course

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at a golf course? Superintendents are using a lot of science and technology to manage turfgrass playing surfaces, especially when it comes to promoting and protecting turf health. Get a detailed look at everything that happens before any products get applied.

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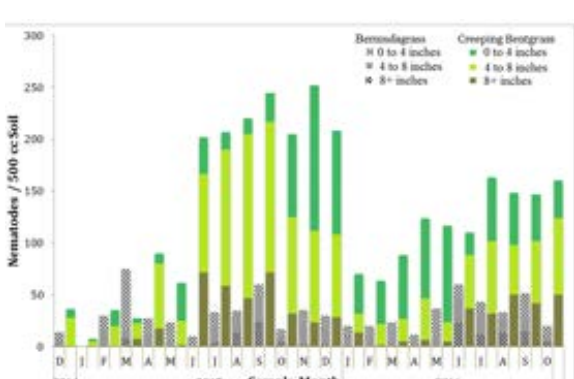
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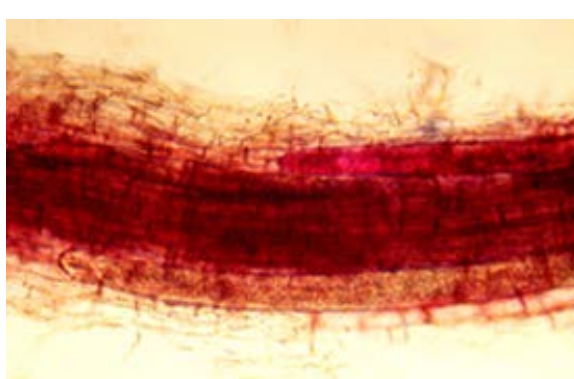


#### Sting Nematode Distribution in Putting Green Root Zones

Understanding the behavior of sting nematodes and their location in the soil profile can help improve control strategies. Researchers are studying the distribution of nematodes in putting greens throughout the year to develop a better understanding of how the season and turf species influence nematode locations.

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### Fore The Golfer



#### Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind?

Everyone is familiar with earthworms, but did you know there are some worms so small they can live inside turfgrass roots? Despite their microscopic size, these worms are almost always present in golf course soils. Some can even cause turfgrass damage. Learn more about how nematodes might affect your next round.

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### Regional Updates



#### West Region

Spring is in full swing in the West Region and so are the aerators and vertical mowers. These maintenance practices are critical to providing good playability in the summer days ahead.

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#### Northeast Region

Spring dead spot outbreaks are becoming more severe and widespread in the Northeast Region. A combination of cultural and chemical controls is necessary to reduce infection and turf damage.

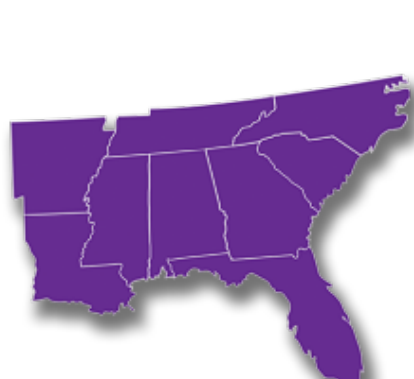
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#### Central Region

Windy weather can take a bite out of a golf facility's labor budget when the maintenance staff has to spend many hours removing tree debris from the playing surfaces. Proper tree care can minimize storm cleanup, improve turf conditions and enhance safety.

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#### Southeast Region

Bermudagrass is sometimes called the world's worst weed because of its aggressive growth, hardiness and ability to outcompete other grasses. These same traits also make some bermudagrass varieties an excellent choice for golf courses.

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