



Stripes vs. 50-50 Fairway Mowing – Which Is Faster?

Most golf courses mow their fairways in either a pattern of crossing stripes or in a “50-50” pattern where half the fairway is mown toward the tee and half toward the green. Aesthetic preferences are often the deciding factor in which pattern is used, but what if data showed that one is more efficient than the other? The USGA Green Section initiated a study to see which fairway mowing pattern is faster and sought to measure the difference in a real-world scenario. The results identify opportunities for meaningful time savings that courses should consider.

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Coming Up Next Issue

There are so many grasses on the market that it can be a daunting task to select the best option for your particular situation. To complicate matters further, superintendents must also factor in the resources available for long-term maintenance. In the November 4 issue of the USGA *Green Section Record*, we will outline the key considerations and tradeoffs involved in choosing the best grasses for your course.

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