

## Hormonal Responses — Are They Helping Or Hurting Your Greens?

By [Steve Kammerer, Ph.D.](#) and [Adam Moeller](#)



Various plant protectants, plant growth regulators and biostimulants contain plant hormones or elicit hormone responses. Understanding how these hormones affect the turf plant and interact with each other is critical to successful management and avoiding unintended issues. This article discusses key plant hormones and how hormone responses can be manipulated with various products for maximum benefit.

[Read More](#)

## Cory Isom Joins The RSI-Green Section Staff



Cory Isom has been named as an agronomist in the USGA RSI-Green Section's West Region. He is based in Puyallup, Washington.

Cory brings to the USGA a strong background in academics and practical experience. He is a graduate of Oregon State University with a Bachelors in Turf Management as well as a graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelors in Business Administration. Cory has a distinguished career as a golf course superintendent with stops at Cordevalle in San Martin, Calif., The Preserve Club in Carmel, Calif., and most recently at The Roaring Fork Club in Basalt, Colo. Cory's hands-on experience with the key issues facing golf facilities in the West and his passion to help others will be an asset to the USGA and the golf facilities in his territory.

Cory began playing golf at an early age and has a passion for both the game of golf and the golf course industry. We welcome Cory to the staff and wish him a long and successful tenure with the USGA.

## Multimedia Content

### Course Care Video



#### ***Fore The Golfer: Wildlife on Golf Courses***

Golf courses are more than just a place to play golf, they provide valuable habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals. Many golf courses are working hard to protect and expand habitat areas to improve our environment and allow us to enjoy nature in action during our round.

[Watch Video](#)

### Photo Gallery



#### **Bees And Golf Courses, A Natural Partnership**

Promoting pollinators is an important goal at many golf facilities. Learn how two golf courses in very different environments are both successfully supporting bees and a wide range of other wildlife on their properties, all while enhancing the golf experience.

[View Gallery](#)

## Research You Should Know



#### **Can Certain Management Practices Rescue Bentgrass From Overregulation?**

Overspray of plant growth regulators onto putting green collars can cause overregulation. This research shows that reducing mowing heights, increasing nitrogen inputs and applying a gibberellic acid product can help damaged turf recover.

[Read More](#)

## *Fore The Golfer*



#### **The Pursuit Of (Affordable) Perfection**

Many people in the golf world believe that "perfect" playing conditions include dense, uniform and weed-free turf. What they may not realize is that the pursuit of such "perfection" can be very expensive. Trying to fully control every pest is simply not possible.

[Read More](#)

## Regional Updates



### West Region

Prime golf season has arrived in the Southwest, and with it comes lots of cart traffic. Teaching golfers where to exit and enter cart paths is not easy, but a little time in traffic school always helps.

[Read More](#)



### Northeast Region

Winter is time to reflect, plan for the future, and spend time with family and friends. It is also a good time to build our knowledge and reconnect with colleagues by attending turf conferences.

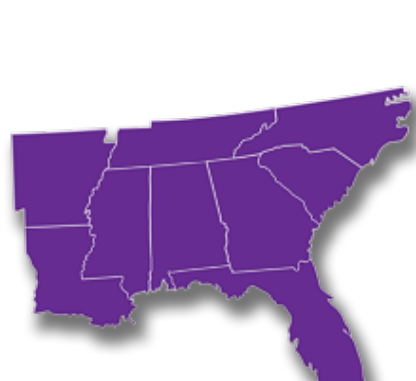
[Read More](#)



### Central Region

The proper way to dispose of unwanted pesticides and fertilizers may not always be clear. Here are some helpful tips.

[Read More](#)



### Southeast Region

Looking back on 2019, early and late stretches of warm weather created unique challenges for golf courses in the Southeast.

[Read More](#)

## Editorial Staff

[Adam Moeller](#) Editor in Chief

[George Waters](#) Associate Editor

[Matthew Patalona](#) Creative Director

[Andrew Caron](#) Art Director

United States Golf Association  
 77 Liberty Corner Road  
 Liberty Corner, NJ 07938  
 908.234.2300

[Contact Us](#)

## Stay Connected with the USGA



## Important Links

[USGA Privacy Policy](#)  
[USGA Green Section Home Page](#)  
[USGA Staff Contact Information](#)  
[Course Consulting Service Information](#)  
[USGA Turfgrass and Environmental Research Online \(TERO\)](#)

©2019 by United States Golf Association®

[Policies for the Reuse of USGA Green Section Publications](#)

USGA Green Section publications are made available through the courtesy of the United States Golf Association (USGA®). The reuse of these materials is authorized only if the following conditions are met in their entirety. This policy applies to all Green Section publications, including articles, videos, presentations, and webcasts.

- [1\) Adherence to all components of our Conditions for Reuse policy.](#)
- [2\) Inclusion of the appropriate Reprint Permission Language.](#)
- [3\) Notification of your Intent To Reprint Content.](#)

The USGA Green Section Record (ISSN 2156-5813) is published twice monthly via electronic mail by the United States Golf Association®.