

A scenic view of the Country Club of Birmingham. In the background, a large, multi-story clubhouse with a stone and timber exterior and a gabled roof sits on a hill, surrounded by dense green trees. The foreground and middle ground show a well-manicured golf course with rolling green fairways, several sand traps, and a winding path. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day.

Don't Be Afraid of the Test

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What Kind of Test?

- **University Research**
- **Chemical Companies**
- **Distributors**
- **Equipment**
- **Shop Equipment**
- **Accessories**

Why Your Golf Course?

- **Most University Research Centers have little way to duplicate real life conditions and stresses on turf that are found on golf courses.**
- **All courses are different so it does not matter if you are a large private club or nine hole municipal...both can provide valuable information.**

What Are Some Benefits of Using Your Course for Testing?

- May provide ideas to solve problems that you have been battling
- Demonstrate to your golfers your desire to be innovative and provide a better golf course
- Relationships



Poa Cure (methiozolin)



Works on Warm Season Turf Too!



Graduate Student Spraying Plots



Challenge Your Staff to Come Up With Ways to Help Test Products



Test Ways to Solve Your Own Problems



Newer Hover Mowers
are Four Stroke Engines
with Bowl Carburetors

Propane is a Positive
Pressure System that is
not affected by gravity



During Our Testing We Found Downtime
for Engine Problems Reduced 85%



New Bermudagrass With and W/O Overseed



Some Grasses Are Better Suited for Shortcut Areas



Testing a Slow Growing Bermudagrass on Slopes

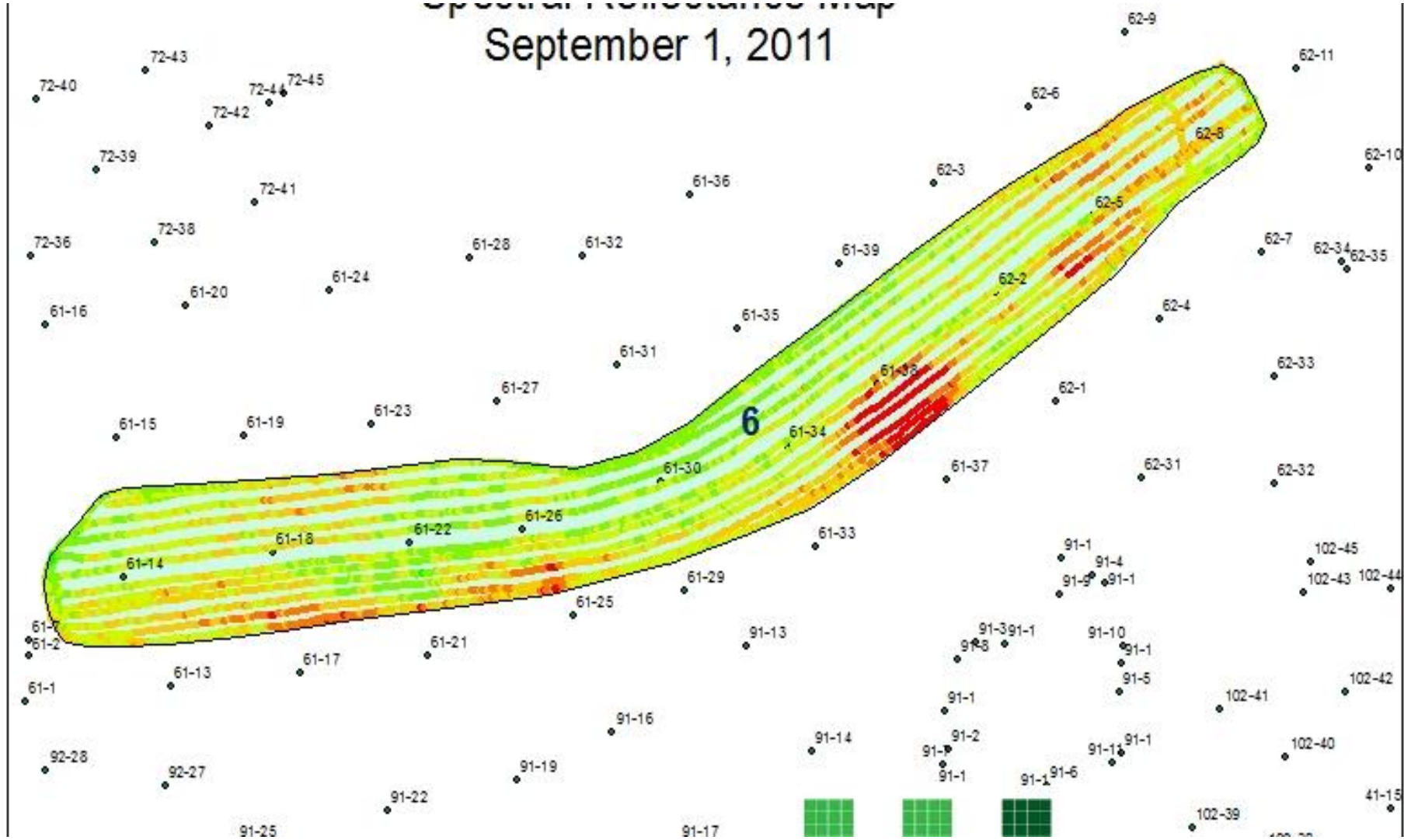


Build a ~~Test Green~~ Nursery



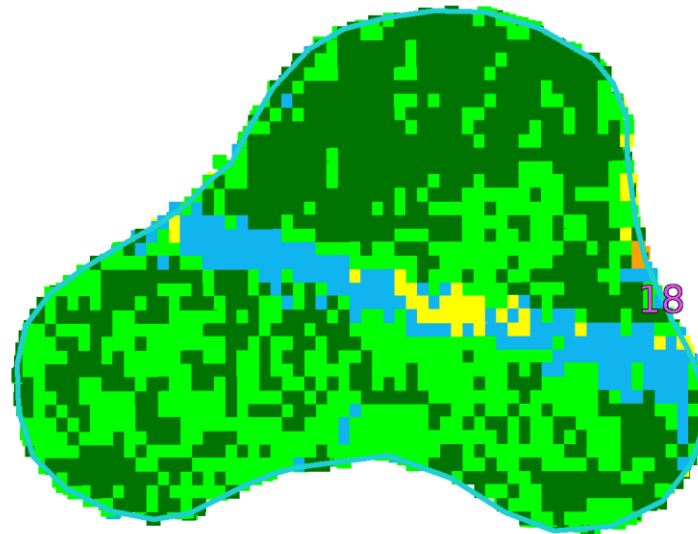


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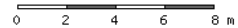


Test Product Claims





Scale 1: 200










Administrative Data

 Boundaries

Collected Data

RVI Interpolated Map - June 21, 2011

-  RVI < 4
-  5.1 - 6
-  7.1 - 8
-  No Data

-  4.1 - 5
-  6.1 - 7
-  > 8.1

RVI Map - June 21, 2011

Problems That Can Arise From Testing

- You may loose grass
- Plots can be geometrically ugly
- Most Research Projects are a Two to Three Year Commitment
- You may have to live with it for a long time

Bermudagrass NTEP Green





Products May Not Work the Same Under Different Weather Conditions



Get Your Staff Involved



Need More Light!



Test You Cant Live Without

- Skin Cancer Screening
- Colonoscopy
- PSA
- Blood Pressure
- Blood Lipid Profile
- Blood Glucose Levels

Summary

- If you would like to have your course available for testing, contact your nearest land grant college, distributor, or interested company and tell them you would like to be a test site.
- Support Turfgrass Research in Your Area
- You May Develop Friendships That Are Rewarding and Last a Lifetime!

Thank You!

