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Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day Recap: Don't miss this event in 2026!

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The 2025 Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day took place on July 8 at the W.H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center in West Lafayette, drawing professionals from across Indiana and the Midwest. In addition to the 350 attendees, there were 30 exhibitors featured in the trade show.



Figure 1. John Bonkowski teaching the landscape tour attendees about common canker diseases and their management at the Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day on July 8, 2025.

The event began in the morning with a series of in-depth research

tours led by Purdue faculty, staff, and graduate students. The morning sessions focused on four key areas: IPM in lawn care, lawn care management, golf, and landscape. Attendees had the opportunity to engage directly with current research, field trials, and best management practices on topics such as disease, insects, fertilization, weed control, equipment maintenance, and sustainable maintenance practices.

After a great lunch, the afternoon transitioned into workshops designed to give participants practical experience. Highlights included a landscape diagnostic tour that walked attendees through real-world plant health issues, a weed identification and control workshop, a sports turf tour at Purdue's baseball stadium, and a tour of Purdue's new golf course facilities.

Throughout the day, attendees also had the opportunity to explore the trade show featuring 30 vendors and exhibitors. The trade show displayed the latest equipment, products, and services available to the turf and landscape industry, including cutting-edge turf machinery, soil amendments, and pest management tools. The Field Day successfully combined education, hands-on learning, and industry networking, continuing Purdue's tradition of supporting green industry professionals with research-based knowledge and practical solutions.

Don't miss the 2026 Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day on July 21st at the W.H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center in West Lafayette.

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