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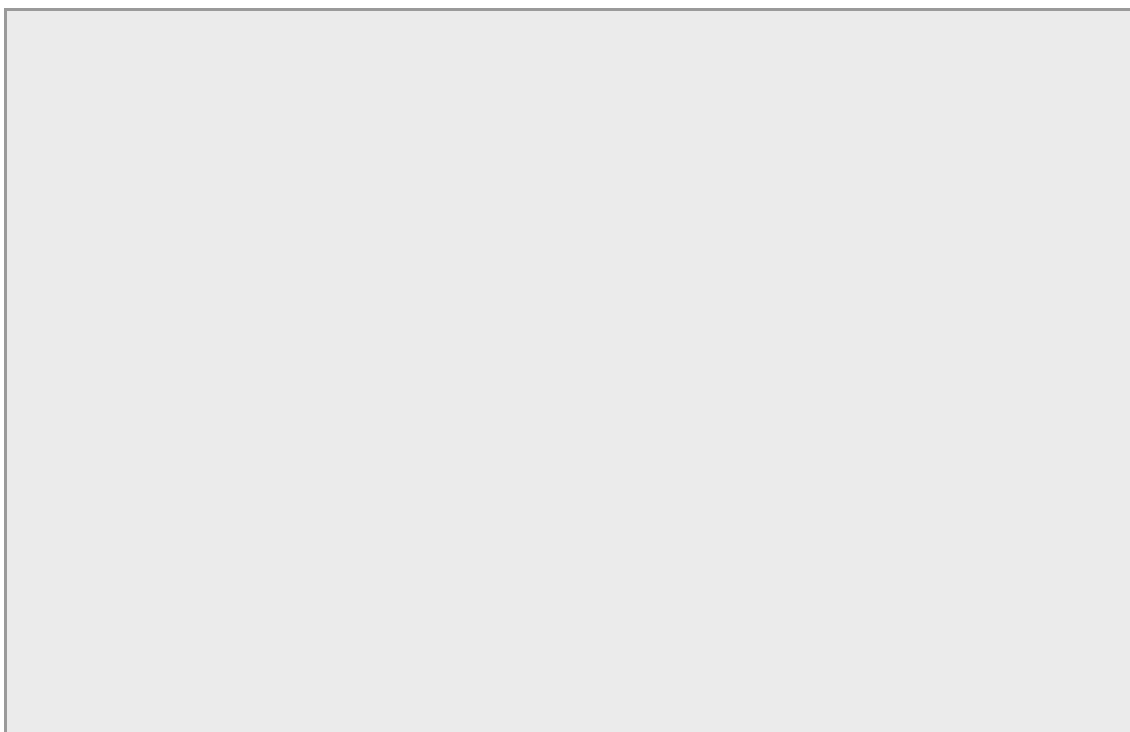
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A Quarter Million Reasons to Use TGIF!

The Turfgrass Information Center is ecstatic to announce our latest milestone: the Turfgrass Information File database now contains 250,000 unique records! This achievement solidifies the TGIF database as the premiere online, comprehensive source of turfgrass information for researchers, practitioners, individuals, and students all around the world.

Although record creation in the database has been ongoing since 1984, creation has increased enormously over the last 5 years, averaging roughly 15,000-20,000 records per year between 2011 and 2014. Since that very first record over 30 years ago in September of 1984, the Turfgrass Information Center has continually worked to improve our operations and the integrity of the database, and hope to continue this work for many years to come.

We wish to extend our enormous thanks to the many contributing cooperators, student employees and staff who, throughout the years, have contributed their efforts to craft TGIF - we wouldn't be here without them!





Have you checked out the Turfgrass Information Center's Full-Text Resources? TIC has been hosting electronic resources for over a decade, and now hosts thousands of issues of your favorite turf-related publications! While some of this content has access-restrictions, a significant portion is publicly-available - viewable without ever logging into the TGIF database. Kick back, relax, and delve into one of our 40 different publications waiting for you!

Can You Contribute to TIC?

Are you or someone you know cleaning out a garage, basement, storage unit or attic soon? If so, please consider sending any turf related materials to us at the Turfgrass Information Center! We're interested in a variety of items that would help fill in gaps in both the physical and online collections.

Donations sent to TIC will help grow the collections, while the collections themselves help support the database. No matter how many (or few) items you may have, we welcome the support. Also note that your contribution may be tax deductible!

More information on donating materials to TIC can be found at <http://tic.msu.edu/needs.html>

Materials donated can be sent to:

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