TGIF Basic Search Tips

Note: Ignore all quote marks in search examples!

1. Shorten search terms to their root form to increase results.

   Searching “fertil” will search for “fertility”, “fertilization”, “fertilisers”, “fertilized”, etc.

   Searching “groom” will search for “grooming”, “groomed”, “groomers”, etc.

2. Add words to your search to be more precise.

   Search: “syring bent fan” to find results that intersect the concepts of syringing, bentgrass, and using fans.

   Search: “cynodon kikuyu” to find results that intersect the topics of both Bermuda/couch grasses and kikuyu grass.

3. Stack search terms using “;” to search both together. Example:

   Search: “winterkill; cold tolerance” to run searches for both winterkill and cold tolerance simultaneously.

4. Use the ‘Dig Deeper’ checkbox to find more results on your topic.

   Search: “mowrah meal” with the Dig Deeper checkbox on and then again with it off.

   Compare “tensiometer” likewise.

5. Basic Search can be used to find definitions that appear in Beard’s Turfgrass Encyclopedia for Golf Courses, Grounds, Lawns, Sports Fields. It will be the first result when searched in Basic – click on the hot linked term to receive the definition.

   Search: Tilth

   Search: Broadcast sprigging