Special Issue: Academic Edition

**TIC is Getting You Geared For the New School Year!**

This special edition of The Sward is aimed to provide those in an academic setting with materials to aid in hands-on training of the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)!

Within this issue you will find:

- Two short videos that briefly discuss what TGIF is, and why TGIF is the database of choice in support of academic turfgrass work.
- Getting Started with TGIF guide, and the TGIF Quick Start video will be of interest to those new to using TGIF.
- The TGIF Basic Search Tips handout provides some handy advice to make searches more concise.
- Information on short term "license bump-ups" for classroom TGIF use.
- Reminder about TIC’s amazing full-text resources!

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These videos quickly explain what TGIF is, and why TGIF is simply the best for your documented turfgrass knowledge needs!
This "Getting Started with TGIF" guide, as well as the "Quick Start" video below, provide an easy path to get new TGIF searchers going.

For anyone more familiar with searching TGIF, or for anyone simply looking to refine their searching strategies, the TGIF Basic Search Tips worksheet will be of great help.
Short Term "License bump-ups" for Instructional Sessions Available!

If you are planning on training a group of people to use TGIF in a hands-on setting, a temporary license bump-up can be arranged. Please notify TIC at least one week in advance if you would like to use this option for instructional or training purposes (by phone (517) 353-7209 or e-mail: tgif@msu.edu)

- Bump-up is limited to 25 simultaneous users.
- The machines used for training must be in the pre-defined IP range for the institution.
- It is helpful to call us at TIC the day of the bump-up to be sure that everything is running correctly.

For a smooth session, we also recommend the following:

- Use the database navigation buttons, as opposed to the browser’s navigational buttons
- Click the "Log Off" button when TGIF searching is complete. (If a user does not log out properly, it can occasionally cause one of the user "slots" to remain in use until the system times out.)

Click Here to Visit TGIF!

The Turfgrass Information Center has been hosting electronic resources for well over a decade now, and the content continues to grow and grow. Currently, TIC hosts well over 100,000 PDFs from over 35 different publications! Some of the content has access-restrictions, but a vast portion is publicly-available - viewable without ever having to log into the TGIF database.
Those with TGIF database access have the added bonus of logging into TGIF to also receive access to the restricted-access archives. Simply click “Browse Full-Text Journals (Logs out)” from the left-hand sidebar after logging in.