

# Midwest Fact Sheet

## Crabgrass Control

Crabgrass is emerging and growing quickly in voids and hotspots in turf. The exceptionally dry spring may have prevented the “watering in” of some applications and thus some of that herbicide may have volatilized or was broken down with UV degradation. On the flip side, the dry spring is limiting much of the crabgrass germination to date. Postemergence controls are the answer now, but preemergence herbicide must be included in the tankmix because crabgrass will continue to germinate well into July (remember last year?). Dithiopyr (Dimension and other post-patent names) will control crabgrass postemergence effectively up until tillering and it provides both pre- and postemergence control in the same product. Acclaim and MSMA are still viable options but are not used as often as they once were. Quinclorac (Drive and other post-patent names) is probably the most commonly used active ingredient and it will control crabgrass up to 4 tillers or more, but don’t use on fine fescue and be sure to include the specified additive on the label for most effective control (usually methylated seed oil). The newest postemergence crabgrass product is Tenacity (mesotrione) which will be released by Syngenta this fall. This product is extremely effective as a postemergence crabgrass control as well as a selective control for creeping bentgrass, nimblewill, and dallisgrass. Learn more about crabgrass control including the current products, Tenacity, and all the new post-patent products at our Field Day on July 17, registration information is available at [www.agry.purdue.edu/turf/](http://www.agry.purdue.edu/turf/).

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**Photo (Above):** Crabgrass germinating in a void on a homelawn.

**Photo (Below):** Different stages of maturing crabgrass taken from a single stand. From left to right is 4-leaf stage, 2 tillers, and 4 tillers.



# Midwest Regional Turf Foundation Calendar of Events

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## 2007

- June 1            **2007-08 MRTF Member Renewal**  
July 17           **Turf Field Day,**  
*Daniel Center, West Lafayette*
- October 11       **Golf Day,**  
*Coyote Crossing, West Lafayette*
- November 14-15 **Turf & Ornamental Seminar,**  
*Daniel Center, West Lafayette*
- December 10     **Basic Training, Fort Wayne**  
December 18     **Basic Training, Indianapolis**

## 2008

- January 14-16    **Indiana Green Expo,**  
*Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis*
- January 22       **Basic Training, Evansville**
- February 11-14   **IN-IL Short Course, Location TBD**
- February 25-28   **IN-IL Short Course, Willowbrook, IL**

### ***Reminder:***

Preregistration deadline:

June 29, 2007

**Turf Field Day**

See registration information at

**July 17, 2007**

[www.agry.purdue.edu/turf](http://www.agry.purdue.edu/turf) or

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