

Perspectives of a Recent Turf Science Graduate: From Academics to Industry. (C05-wetzel142326-Oral)

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Abstract:

In May 1999, I received a Ph.D. degree from Kansas State Universities Department of Plant Pathology with an emphasis in turfgrass pathology. I have grown up in the golf turf industry with both my grandfather and father being golf course superintendents. I developed an interest in further understanding diseases of turfgrasses after first hand observations of the difficulties golf course superintendents had managing diseases of turfgrasses in the warm, humid transition zone of the US. My interest in applied turfgrass pathology increased after working two summers with Mike Soika and Pat Sanders while completing my B.S. degree in agronomy at Penn State University. Prior to completing the writing of my dissertation, I accepted a position as the Extension Turfgrass Specialist in the Department of Plant Pathology at North Carolina State University. I served in this position from January 1999 to December 2000. As of January 2001, I accepted the project leader position with BASF for the commercial development of fungicides in the turf and ornamental markets for the US. This presentation will serve to compare and contrast the roles of a turf scientist in academics vs. industry and to provide information to students who plan to develop a career within the turfgrass industry.

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