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Hello,

The brown patch at our research facility has really faded in the past couple of weeks. It appears to be less severe in the lawns around town, too. Our cool-season grasses are enjoying the cool un-seasonal weather.

Is brown patch pressure down in your area?

The low stress has kept things slow in the diagnostic lab, on the turf side anyway.

We've also had a couple of zoysia sites with chinch bugs as the suspect, but we haven't been able to find the chinch bugs in most of the samples.

They tend to scatter away when you start crawling around and trying to sample, so you have to be quick, and a little sneaky too. A colleague of mine told me yesterday that when he samples for chinch bugs, he dashes in quick, grabs a plug, and immediately puts it in a plastic bag before they run away.

More on chinch bugs is available here:

<http://www.hfrr.ksu.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=1607>

And, there is a ton of turf information in this week's KSU Horticulture Newsletter--lawn overseeding, seed quality, rhizomatous tall fescue research, and turf-in-the-shade. You can read it there:

<http://www.hfrr.ksu.edu/DesktopModules/ViewDocument.aspx?DocumentID=2093>

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