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Rutgers Bluegrass Anthracnose Trial 2010

Objective: To evaluate the effects of OceanSolutionTM in preventative control of the fungus Anthracnose in annual bluegrass in conjunction with a reduced rate of a common synthetic fungicide.

Trial Location: Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences.

Trial Dates: May 18- August 19, 2010

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Results:

	Product	Turf Area Infested (%)/ plot					Turf Rating	
Chemical	Rate / 1000 sq ft	Sch ²	3-Jul	15-Jul	26-Jul	5-Aug	19-Aug	(1-9) 20-Aug
OceanSolution	3.0 fl oz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Daconil								
Ultrex								
82.5WDG	1.8 oz	7 day	9.3	10.8	10.5	15.8	20.3	5.0
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82.5WDG	1.8 oz	14 day	20.8	12.3	18.8	28.8	71.5	4.3
Chipco								
Signature								
80WG	4.0 oz	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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82.5WDG	3.2 oz	14 day	11	8	2.5	17.3	19.8	5.3
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Conclusions: When OceanSolution was used in combination with Daconil Ultrex 82.5WDG, the results were almost identical to the same amount of Daconil combined with a common synthetic fungicide (Chipco Signature 80WG). Compared with the full rate of the synthetic fungicide, the OS treatment decreased the percentage of grass infected with anthracnose by 10% and increased the judged overall quality of the grass by roughly 10%. This result appears to indicate that OceanSolution may have the ability to assist plants in mitigating disease resistance and in the control of harmful fungi.

