

***Purpose of the Accumulative Research Summary and Comments
Concerning its Organization***

The purpose of this Accumulative Research Summary is to provide the most recent reporting on past and current studies that are under the UCRTRAC umbrella in a brief outline format. Associated Final Reports also are included for those seeking more detail. This report is composed of the following: 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 Annual Research Summaries; 2001-2002 Research Summary; and the 1996-2004 Accumulative Research Summary.

Please note that the 42 studies included in this report ([pg. iv](#)) are organized into topical sections according to a list, "Research and Educational Needs Assessment of the Southern California Turfgrass Industries," that was developed in 1996 when UCRTRAC was formed ([pg. ii](#)). It also should be noted that the index of [Better Turf Thru Agronomics](#) is organized in the same fashion.

It is hoped that the Accumulative Research Summary will help strengthen our ability to achieve the Mission, Vision, and Goals of UCRTRAC ([pg. i](#)). Not only does this summary provide a reporting on individual research studies, it also provides readily-accessible reference links for future articles that would be in depth, unbiased specific issue analysis reports and also more popular articles. Currently, there is considerable reporting on this web site (<http://ucrturf.ucr.edu>) in [publications](#) such as *California Turfgrass Culture*, *Better Turf Thru Agronomics*, DANR turfgrass publications, and more recently, Reports on Topical Issues and News from the UCR Turf Program. All of this activity is consistent with leadership, communication, and educational goals.

In terms of future UCRTRAC Research Summaries, our plan is to publish annual updates to the Accumulative Research Summary.