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Dr. J.B. Beard Retires From Texas A&M Post

After more than 35 years of turfgrass research and teaching, Dr. James B. Beard has retired from his research and teaching position at Texas A&M University, College Station. He intends to continue in his position as ASPA's environmental science advisor, a responsibility he formally accepted in 1991.

A 1957 Summa cum laude graduate in agronomy from Ohio State, he received his M.S. (crop ecology) from Purdue University in 1959, followed by his Ph.D. in turfgrass physiology in 1961. From 1961 to 1975, he was a member of the Michigan State University teaching and research faculty, being named a full professor in 1971. In 1975, he accepted a professor's position in the Texas A&M Soil & Crop Sciences Department.

As a leading turfgrass researcher, educator, speaker and author, Dr. Beard is recognized for his pioneering investigations of a wide variety of both early and recent turfgrass problems and remedies. He has authored eight text books, 228 scientific papers and 316 popular technical articles.

While at Michigan State in the mid-1960s, he was very instrumental in the ultimate formation of the American Sod Producers Association. His efforts to assist the turfgrass sod production industry and ASPA were recognized in 1975 when he was named an



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Dr. Beard, and his wife Harriet, intend to maintain their residence in College Station, TX, using it as a base for continued involvement in the turfgrass industry.

BASF Prepares New Granular Soil Fumigant

Basamid-Granular soil fumigant will be available through BASF Specialty Products beginning this fall, according to Larry Hendrick, technical product manager for the firm. Unlike most soil sterilants, Basmid is not a restricted use product. It is labeled for use in ornamental seedbeds, horticultural nurseries and lawn renovation. When worked into the soil, the

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