

Turfgrass

Information Access Policy

Clemson University Libraries

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I. Purpose

a. Objective

Clemson University Libraries' turfgrass collection is developed to support the undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree offered by the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences. The collection supports the curricular and research needs of students and instructional and research needs of faculty.

b. Curriculum supported

i. B.S. in Turfgrass

Undergraduates engage in a program of study that prepares students for a broad spectrum of employment opportunities in the public and private sectors. A required internship experiences provides students with the opportunity to gain experience in the industry.

c. Primary users

The primary users are undergraduates students from the College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Life Sciences who are majoring in Turfgrass. Faculty, staff, and extension agents affiliated with Turfgrass are also considered primary users.

d. Secondary users

Other users of the collection include students in landscape architecture, those taking botany or crop courses, and community users who have an interest in managing turf.

II. Scope of the Collection

The collection is housed between Cooper Library and Offsite Storage, with the exception of some materials available in a stable online format. Collecting efforts are aimed at maintaining a well-rounded collection, with special strengths in the areas of current research at Clemson University and in areas where degrees are given, but which also provides materials for undergraduates in all areas of Turfgrass and which will in the future provide an adequate basic collection as research interests change.

a. Format guidelines

Monographic material will be purchased in print and/or electronic format. Journals, handbooks, manuals, and encyclopedias will be in electronic format, if available. DVDs will be purchased as requested by the faculty.

- b. Language guidelines
Primarily English-language materials will be selected. If materials in other languages are collected they must generally contain information not readily available in English.
- c. Geographical guidelines
Materials purchased will have an emphasis on turfgrass in the United States, but materials may also be purchased from Great Britain and Canada.
- d. Chronological guidelines
Most books considered for purchase are current; materials published prior to the most recent five years are purchased very selectively.
- e. Types of materials excluded
The following materials will be excluded unless there is an extraordinary need and/or a specific request:
 - i. Workbooks
 - ii. Computer software
 - iii. Rare materials
 - iv. Textbooks

III. Subject Classifications Collected

Primary Subject Classifications:

Economic botany	SB 107 – SB 109
Irrigation farming	SB 112
Seeds. Seed technology.	SB 113.2 – SB 118.46
Propagation	SB 119 – SB 124
Including breeding, selection, grafting, air layering	
Forcing	SB 127
Growth regulators	SB 128
Field crops	SB 183 – SB 317
Including cereals, forage crops, grasses, legumes, root crops, sugar plants, textile plants, alkaloidal plants, medicinal plants	
Plant propagation	SB 406.7 – SB 406.83
Parks and public reservations	SB 481 – SB 486
Including theory, management, history	
Pests and diseases	SB 599 – SB 990.5
Weeds, parasitic plants, etc.	SB 610 – SB 615
Poisonous plants	SB 617 – SB 618
Plant pathology	SB 621 – SB 795
Economic entomology	SB 818 – SB 945
Pest control and treatment of diseases. Plant protection	SB 950 – SB 990.5
Pesticides	SB 950.9 – SB 970.4
Soil disinfection	SB 973 – SB 973.5
Organic plant protection, Biological control	SB 974 – SB 978

Related Classifications

Plant Culture	SB 1 – SB 1110
Methods for special areas	SB 109.7 – SB 111
Including cold regions, dry farming, tropical agriculture	
Culture of individual plants	SB 409 – SB 413
Forcing	SB 414

IV. Core Turfgrass Journals

Crop, Forage, & Turfgrass Management	Landscape & Turf Landscape & Turf Industry
Journal of Turfgrass and Sports	Turf Field and Farm
Surface Science	Turf Grass Times

V. Core Turfgrass Databases and Indexes

AGRICOLA	Environment Abstracts
Biological and Agricultural Index Plus	TOXLINE
BioOne Complete	Web of Science
BIOSIS	

VI. Access to Information not Available On-site

- a. Remote Storage
Online request forms and document delivery enable access to materials in Clemson Libraries' remote storage facilities within 24 business hours.
- b. Interlibrary Loan
The primary access point for journals and secondary access point for books not owned or accessible by Clemson Libraries will be Interlibrary Loan. This service is free to Clemson University students, faculty, and staff.
- c. PASCAL Delivers
The primary access point for books not owned or accessible by Clemson Libraries will be PASCAL Delivers. This service provides access to books owned by other academic libraries in the state of South Carolina and is free to Clemson University students, faculty, and staff.

VII. Selection Tools Used

- a. Faculty and student requests and recommendations
- b. Course syllabi
- c. Major Turfgrass journals
- d. Publishers' websites and catalogs
- e. An approval plan
- f. GOBI online database
- g. Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, and PASCAL Delivers activity

VIII. Deselection Guidelines

Monographic material, with an imprint of 15 years ago or earlier, which has not circulated for the last ten years, will be reviewed for deselection. Statistical reports are available for review of these titles. Due to the need to maintain materials for historical research and/or reference, older materials may be kept even if they have not circulated recently. If a book has not circulated and is historically important, Special Collections will be asked to house it. If Special Collections does not take the item, storage will be considered if the item is rare or unique to Clemson.

IX. Evaluation Tools

- a. Circulation, recall, internal use
- b. Interlibrary Loan and PASCAL Delivers requests
- c. *Journal Citation Reports*

X. Collection Assessment and Planning

- a. Qualitative Measures
 - i. The information access policy for this department will be reviewed every five years.
 - ii. Appropriate bibliographies will be checked against our holdings
 - iii. Benchmarking projects, to be determined
- b. Quantitative Measures
 - i. Interlibrary Loan activities will be monitored to see what subject areas are lacking and what type of materials are most requested.
 - ii. Circulation statistics, for both print and electronic resources, will be reviewed to see which areas of the collection are most heavily used.
 - iii. Keeping track of new research grants undertaken and the new courses taught in the Turfgrass Program can also help determine what materials to purchase and helps in the planning.