

THE REGULATORY APPROVAL PROCESS FOR BIOTECH TURFGRASSES.
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Three U.S. regulatory agencies have oversight for biotechnology-derived plants, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency. Since 1994, more than 60 plants have been cleared for commercialization. Glyphosate tolerant creeping bentgrass is the first biotechnology-derived perennial grass to seek regulatory clearance. The nature of the environmental risk assessment and the path to deregulation will be discussed.