

## News Release

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### **Amid Texas-Sized Summer Heat & Rainfall, Dismiss<sup>®</sup> South Herbicide from FMC Controls Goosegrass and Crabgrass at Firewheel Golf Park** *- Single-Application Control Key to Success and Cost Savings at 63-Hole Course -*

**GARLAND, Texas** – Early this June when the temperatures in the greater Dallas area hit the 100-degree mark regularly for about three weeks, Firewheel Golf Park Superintendent Gary Chambers knew he was in for a long summer.

Sure enough, a month or so later Chambers was battling constant rainfall that only aided in Mother Nature's efforts to make it difficult to keep the 63 holes at Firewheel manicured properly and weed free.

"The first part of our summer was so hot and dry and second was the opposite, it became very wet and much cooler," Chambers said. "The problem with that is the rainfall we had caused a lot more germination of crabgrass and goosegrass so we've been doing a lot more postemergence applications as a result."

Firewheel Golf Park, located in suburban Garland, is a public course that is known for its bentgrass greens and sculpted fairways. But being a municipal course, Chambers has both fiscal and staffing limits that he has to adhere to in order to maintain Firewheel's three course designs.

With the high number of rounds being played at Firewheel, goosegrass and even crabgrass have always been difficult to control. So Chambers reached out to FMC for help from its Dismiss<sup>®</sup> South herbicide.

"We put out applications of Dismiss South and found it was substantially more effective than anything we were using," Chambers said. "Especially considering we were controlling fairly mature goosegrass with one application. With the other products, we were always making more than one application. Dismiss South is a very well thought out product."

But while Dismiss South provides visible results with one application, it also worked faster and provided broader control than other products Chambers had previously been using.

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“I was enormously pleased with the control Dismiss South delivered,” Chambers added. “A lot of products may take 10-12 days to work but with Dismiss South we saw results in a few days and with no coloration of our Bermuda grass.

“I get so frustrated with other products when I’ll have to make repeated applications to get the job done. I have about 550 acres of ground to maintain so you can see how much of a problem it is if I have to treat 550 acres twice. It’s just a tremendous help to go spray it and know it’s taken care of and get good results the first time. That’s what Dismiss South brought to the table.”

Dismiss South herbicide provides fast visible sedge control through contact activity and long residual sedge control by penetrating the tubers and destroying the reproductive structures. It provides visible control of yellow nutsedge and green kyllinga in 24-48 hours, and offers enhanced control of purple nutsedge in warm season turf types.

Chambers oversees a staff of 30 and with Dismiss South, he is saving time and money by not having his technicians retreat with other products, he said.

“I’m saving quite a bit of money with Dismiss South by being able to make one treatment as compared to using the other products when we had to make two treatments,” Chambers said. “If I can go out there and spray and knock out the weed problem with one application, that’s a huge cost savings for my bottom line.”

The FMC turf portfolio features a broad range of herbicide, fungicide and insecticide products, including Dismiss<sup>®</sup> turf herbicide, Echelon<sup>®</sup> herbicide, QuickSilver<sup>®</sup> herbicide, Segway<sup>®</sup> fungicide and the Talstar<sup>®</sup> line of liquid and granular insecticides.

For more information about Dismiss South herbicide, contact your local FMC sales representative, visit [www.fmcprosolutions.com](http://www.fmcprosolutions.com).

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