## Helping turf grass withstand the stress of seasonal dry weather or drought

**OC**<sup>®</sup> Plant Solution



For drought tolerant turf

Table 1. Effect of Culbac® on Kentucky Bluegrass Sod



The final core samples taken from the untreated grass had about 11% less mass than the initial core samples from the same group. On the other hand, the Culbac<sup>®</sup>-treated bluegrass gained about 10% mass between the initial and final core samples. The final soil-free core samples of the Culbac<sup>®</sup>-treated group were about 40 % heavier than the controls.

The hot, dry summer periods typical to most areas of North America are challenging for turf grasses. Without regular irrigation, most turf grasses will lapse into a period of seasonal dormancy and its foliage becomes brown and unsightly. Homeowners and lawn care professionals who desire to maintain an aesthetically-pleasing green lawn may choose to irrigate, but this option has economic and environmental costs.

**Culbac® Plant Solution** is a biostimulant that can help turf grass withstand the stress caused by seasonal dry weather or prolonged drought. Derived from fermenting a unique strain of *Lactobacillus* in a nutrient medium containing seaweed, **Culbac® Plant Solution** contains a blend of cytokinins, auxins and micronutrients that promote stress tolerance in turf grasses.

The chart at left shows data from a five-month trial conducted during drought conditions on a non-irrigated Maryland sod farm. It shows how the Kentucky bluegrass sprayed with **Culbac® Plant Solution** increased its dry weight while the dry weight of the untreated grass declined during the trial.

By promoting optimal turf health, **Culbac® Plant Solution** helps grass maintain its desirable green appearance longer and with less irrigation in dry conditions than untreated turf.

If the turf is allowed to go dormant in prolonged dry weather, **Culbac<sup>®</sup> Plant Solution** can help the grass survive the dry period and enable it recover faster when favorable moisture conditions return.



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