

Turf Farm Soil Retention Fact Sheet

Turf producers place a high value on their top soil and water.



The simple reason being that they do not wish to waste the richness of that soil that has built up over a number of years with nutrients and fertilisers they have regularly applied in producing a quality product to market. Responsible turf producers do not wish to waste any of their soil or water that may occur through irrigation or overland flow from heavy rainfall. The producers have ensured that the profile of their land provides run off into their own water storage and dams for reuse.



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A small amount of soil must remain on the harvested turfgrass to hold it together for transport and later establishment on projects. This however is kept to a minimum for a number of reasons including weight, handling and installation.



Natural turfgrass root systems are quite extensive underground and allow for regrowth to occur after harvest that could take up to 6 months depending on climate. Some varieties regrow horizontally with runners and others grow vertically from their root systems. Constant top dressing and mowing by the turf producer every 3 days allows clippings to act as mulch returning to the soils and increasing the profile. This in fact replaces the soil removed at harvest time.



It is for these reasons turf producers value their soils and are responsible, professional farmers with environmental stewardship, providing a quality product to market.

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