

Poa annua management with Argold®

Tracking progress mid-program

Launched in early March 2026, Argold herbicide introduced a new standard in Winter grass (*Poa annua*) management for premium turf. Offering both pre- and early post-emergent control at low use rates, Argold provides turf managers with a flexible program approach designed to support effective control while maintaining surface quality when used in line with label and technical guidance.

Your *Poa annua* management program should now be underway

Argold applications should have commenced in early autumn targeting pre- or early post-emergent *Poa annua*. Following the first one or two Argold applications, turf managers should be actively monitoring each treated surface and comparing observations with the expected symptoms for the weed growth stage present at application. Argold is a program-based solution, and early assessment helps guide progressive decisions around subsequent applications, rate strategy and interval planning.



What turf managers should be looking for

Observations should go beyond a simple “is it yellowing yet?” assessment. Turf managers are encouraged to monitor:

- Changes in *Poa annua* population density across the surface
- Yellowing or tissue decline in younger, actively growing plants, which is typically observed from around 3 weeks after application in early-post emergent situations (in some cases symptoms may present sooner following significant or frequent rain events)
- Subtle suppression of growth or seedhead development in more advanced plants, including the presence of impaired “green skeleton” plants
- Host turf condition and recovery, including any signs of transient discoloration or stress before planning the next application



Typical yellowing of Winter grass (*Poa annua*) following Argold herbicide application.

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To build confidence in your program, it is important to interpret results according to the type of treatment applied:

- Pre-emergent applications: success may be seen as reduced new emergence, rather than obvious visual decline of existing plants
- Early-post emergent applications: turf managers should expect gradual yellowing, necrosis and regression of immature *Poa annua* plants over time
- Later post-emergent applications on established plants or perennial biotypes: plants may persist for a period, but in a weakened, impaired state with reduced biomass and seed set, rather than disappearing immediately

A lack of rapid knockdown after the first application does not indicate poor performance or program failure. Argold program success is not exclusively defined by visual results, and non-visual outcomes such as reduced emergence, seedbank management and impaired weed vitality are also important indicators of progress.

Variation in symptoms across a surface can also be expected, because *Poa annua* populations are often made up of different growth stages and plant types, with younger plants generally more susceptible than mature plants.

Why monitoring matters

Close monitoring during the program helps turf managers:

- Confirm whether results are aligning with the expected treatment pattern for that surface
- Assess whether the current strategy is supporting both weed decline and host turf safety*
- Make progressive decisions on whether to continue conservatively or adjust the rate or interval in line with technical guidance

See what Tom Smith, the superintendent of Waterford Valley Golf Course, has to say about Argold



Turf managers are encouraged to continue referring to the [product label](#), [technical guide](#), and [Best Practice Application Program Checklist](#) to support informed decision-making and optimise program outcomes. These resources provide critical guidance on application timing, placement, and stewardship to ensure both efficacy and turf safety.

For users looking to further build confidence, BASF can also support demonstration trial opportunities, allowing turf managers to observe Argold performance firsthand on-site, alongside guidance from sales representatives and BASF teams.

If there are any questions or uncertainty at any stage of the program, users should contact their local sales representative or the BASF team for further support and advice.

Find out more about [Argold herbicide](#) in our [STEWARDSHIP HUB](#) and speak to your local distributors to source the solutions or contact our [BASF Turf solutions team directly here](#) to learn about our pipeline of innovation.

**If any adverse turf safety effects are observed, discontinue further applications until the turf has fully recovered.*