



**EUROPEAN TURFGRASS  
SPECIALISTS**



**DISEASE MONITORING SERVICE REVIEW 2021**



### Background ...

In 2018 the European Turfgrass Specialists and the SoilBioLab started a new Service that comprises of a select combination of biological and chemical independent laboratory tests.

This Service aims to help its Members to:

- improve awareness of their own soil profile and turfgrasses health throughout the whole year
- reduce pesticide applications and improve record keeping
- improve decision-making relating on biological and chemical applications
- improve quality and save money

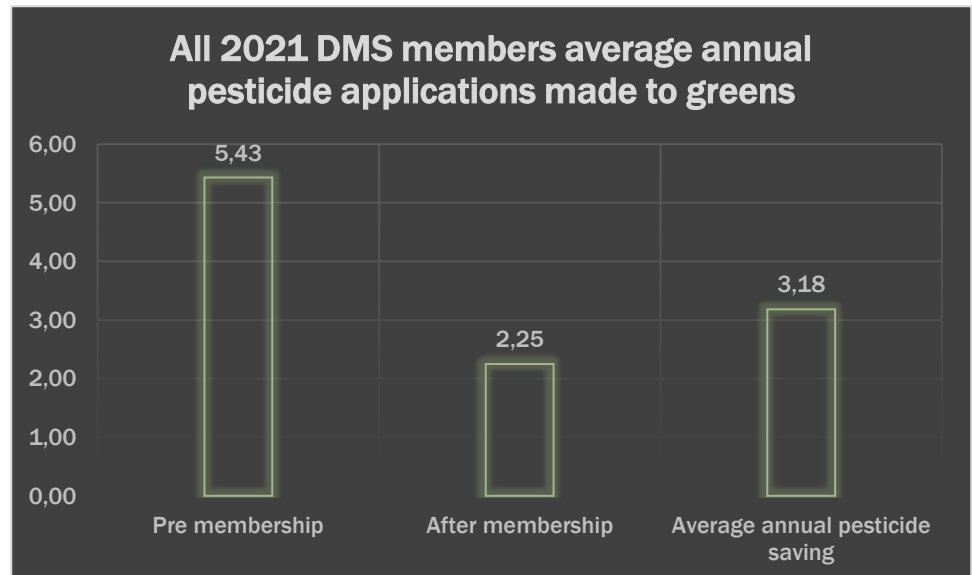
Background

Before Clubs join this Service, each new Member is asked to provide data about their previous 2 years annual pesticide applications to their greens.

In 2021 the total average annual number of pesticide applications that the new Members had applied to their greens before joining this Program was 5.43.\*

\*Please note that this number of pesticide applications includes all pesticide and fungicide applications.

Results



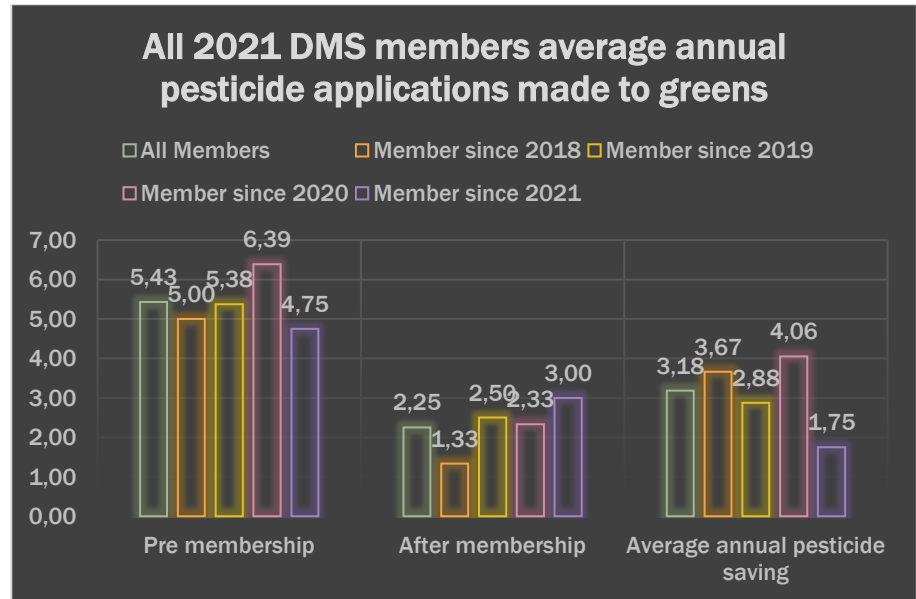
Reductions

All participants are then asked to continue recording their annual pesticide applications to their greens after starting this Service.

In 2021 the total average annual number of pesticide applications that our Members applied to their greens after joining this Program was 2.25.

On average all Members on this Service have reduced their annual pesticide applications by 3.18

Results



Since we started this Service, our Members have benefitted annually by making less applications of pesticide to their greens to a varying degree. This varies dependent on each Clubs circumstances and individual goals which we discuss together at the outset.

Longevity

The quality of the Clubs greenkeeping strategies on this Program is very high indeed. Our structured approach aims to help all Clubs.

In summary, any Club that is not on this Program that is currently spraying more than 3 pesticide applications to their greens each year should seriously consider joining this Program.

### Environmental reward: just a quick thought ...

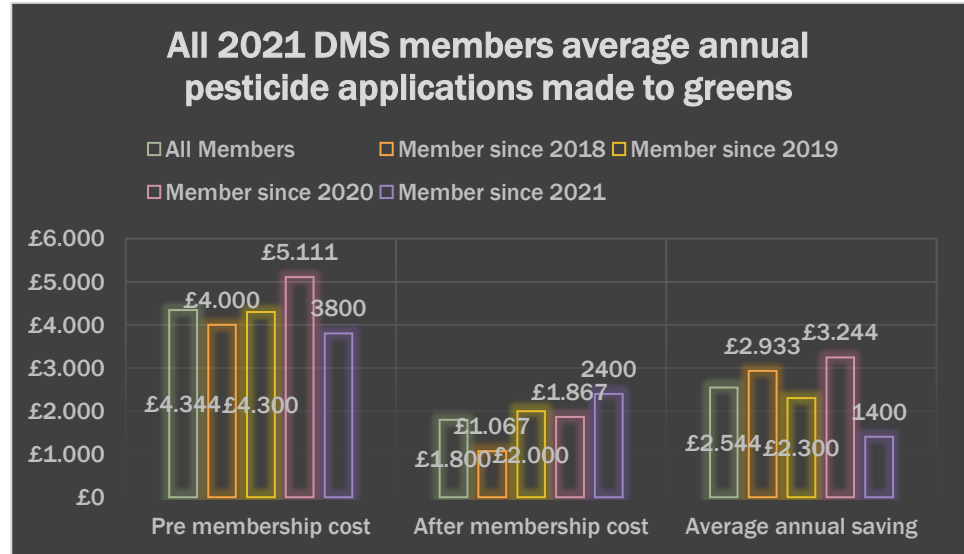


If our Members maintain their current approach over the next 5 years they will each stand to spray 15 less pesticides to their greens than they would have sprayed had they not been on this Program.

We are genuinely here to support greenkeepers and Clubs to achieve sustainable goals using proven agronomic practices.

How do you compare?

All members



Financial savings

If we assume that each pesticide application costs £800 we can calculate approximate running costs for pesticide applications.

Each Member that joins this Service tends to experience an annual saving on pesticide or fertiliser costs.

How much?

For example, on average our Members total average annual pesticide saving until now has been £2,544

This cost covers the Disease Monitoring Service fee and more and you will also benefit from independent agronomic consultancy to help support your future development.



**Other benefits:**

- better biodiversity in the soil (environmental)
- better nutrient retention and recycling
- 100% of our Members said that they now use biological controls
- annual financial savings and better record keeping
- better communication of sustainable environmental objectives to the Club
- opportunity to start a new long-term sustainable maintenance strategy
- being a part of an exciting new group of professional greenkeepers

To join this year's Program please contact us by email: [info@euroturfgrass.co.uk](mailto:info@euroturfgrass.co.uk)