

TPT Recognizes Dr. David Chalmers

Dr. David Chalmers, Extension Turfgrass Specialist, was honored by the Turfgrass Producers of Texas at their annual conference in January. Chalmers received the TPT Special Recognition Award for his work in promoting turfgrass and educating Texans about the value of turfgrass to the environment.

In presenting the award, Billy Mayfield, TPT President, praised Dr. Chalmers for his cooperation with the association and thanked him for providing leadership to the turfgrass industry. Dr. Chalmers serves as an advisory member of the TPT Board of Directors. In addition, he has developed training programs for County Extension Agents, Master Gardeners, and the public in general.

He oversaw the TPT/SAWS Drought Study. This two-year study has received national attention and demonstrated that turfgrass on native soil could withstand a 60-day drought and recover. Dr. Chalmers has also developed publications on turfgrass selection for Texas and turfgrass installation and maintenance.

Dr. Chalmers' positive attitude is seen in his motto: "It's a good day for turf in Texas!" TPT appreciates the advice and support that he has provided over the years.