

2009 Turf Day Success!

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Sunny skies prevailed for the *5th Annual Northern New England NESTMA-NEPA Turf Day* held at the beautiful University of New Hampshire campus in Durham on June 17th.

Ron Lavoie, UNH Director of Facilities and UNH Turf Manager **Jim Terenzio** were the gracious hosts for the 212 visitors in attendance.

Special thanks to Jim “Rhino” Reinertson of *Purely Organics* for the generous sponsorship of a tasty organic breakfast provided by *Fresh Local Truck*, serving wonderful breakfast burrito’s made from fresh food grown and/or purchased locally.

Educational session topics ranged from organic turf care, to maintenance practices for synthetic fields. In addition, there were tours of the UNH facilities and fields, as well as plenty of time to visit with the 62 vendors. Many thanks to Turf Day Gold Sponsors: *Turface Athletics, Musco, Pioneer Athletics and Purely Organics* for their generous sponsorship and continued support.

NESTMA President Nick Caggiano of Nashua, NH and *NEPA* President Ryan Kane of South Windsor, CT commented on the steadfast relationship and unique partnership between the two organizations. The collaboration of these two associations provides the foundation for this annual successful endeavor—under the stellar leadership of Matt **Tobin of Pioneer Athletics**. Matt has done a fantastic job making each and every Turf Day a success.

Thank you to all for the continued success of this annual event! Well done!