



SUMMER STRESS

OVERCOMING HIGH TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY

Mother nature can be cruel. High temperatures and humidity reduce the intake of carbon compounds and other essentials needed to sustain basic plant processes. Floratine's Summer Stress Plan provides the requirements for molecular strength to survive the stresses of summer.

STRESS RELIEF

Perk Up provides respiration stress relief, root maintenance, and cellular strength with calcium and sugars.

ENERGY

PK Fight initiates re-rooting while providing energy and stress resistance with potassium phosphite and proprietary organic acid technology.

ROOT STRENGTH

Astron provides key biostimulant technology for driving roots and preconditioning turfgrass to stress.

COLOUR

Knife Plus advanced formulation for improved colour and growth, extended greening, increased uniformity, quick availability, and improved rooting for fine turf.

GLYCOMICS

GlycoFuze with next generation technology provides glycomic sugars when the photosynthetic process is compromised due to heat stress.

We understand that your professional reputation and livelihood are largely dependent upon the quality of the turfgrass you manage. With that in mind, Floratine promises to deliver the purest, more technically advanced foliar and soil-based solutions with expert agronomic support to help you maintain superior turfgrass quality in formidable conditions.

1. Photosynthesis - $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{Sun}} \text{Carbs} + \text{O}_2$

The heat and drought of the summer blocks a key part of the photosynthetic process and promotes the generation of free radicals that damage cellular components. Also, the soil is having difficulty holding moisture (due to evaporation). As the soil dries out and compacts, the gas exchange decreases. So, the photosynthetic process has become stressed because the raw materials (CO₂ and water) have decreased. But - sunlight (energy source) is more abundant. This is STRESS.

2. Respiration - $\text{Carbs} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Chem Energy}} \text{New Growth} + \text{CO}_2$

The speed of respiration (the consuming of carbs) increases with the temperature of the leaves and roots. A high canopy temperature leads to ultra high rates of respiration. High soil temperature means higher consumption of carbs. As the supply of carbs from topical growth begins to diminish, the roots will pull carbs from reserves until they are used up. Now what? The bottom line is that the energy sources are there but the raw materials are lacking. This is STRESS.

3. Translocation/Transpiration - Movement of water and nutrients throughout the plant.

Water is needed not only in photosynthesis but also to transport nutrients. Water is also key in helping the plant stay cool and turgid. However, in high heat and drought conditions, water is less available to perform these functions. There is less water in the soil and weaker cell walls are incapable of holding water in the cells. So, there is less evapo-transpiration which means higher canopy temps and less water to keep the tissue rigid. This is STRESS. The entire system is in a death spiral - unless action is taken.

SOLUTIONS

1. Supplement the carbohydrate supply through the use of **Perk Up** and **ProteSyn**. The forms of "glyco-" sugars in these products are readily used by the roots to support respiration.
2. Support the proper and efficient work of stomates with potassium supplements such as **X-Factor 0-0-22** or **PK Fight**. Potassium controls the water - whether it's held or expelled. X-Factor technology enhances uptake of potassium, which controls stomatal opening and closing, and provides antioxidant properties.
3. What is one of the key nutrients in the stress response mechanisms? It's calcium. Regardless of the origin of the stress, the response is the same. Calcium, when supplied by **Perk Up**, is used by the plant to buffer the needed reactions within the nucleus and combines with pectin to strengthen the cell wall and minimize water loss.



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