

# Poteet Turf Farmer Receives Prestigious TPI Leadership Award

*EAST DUNDEE, IL(AUGUST 2005)* David Doguet of Bladerunner Farms, Inc., Poteet, Texas was the unexpected and very surprised recipient of the prestigious "Presidents Leadership Award" presented to him by TPI's President, Art Campbell, at the associations 2005 Annual Business Meeting held in Park City, Utah during TPI's Summer Convention & Field Days.

Doguet is only the third recipient to be so honored by a TPI president. The Presidents Leadership Award is presented at the sole discretion of the residing president and is presented to a TPI member who during his term, has shown exemplary dedication and performance to TPI for one or more years.

During the unannounced awards presentation, Campbell was quick to acknowledge that Doguet's individual devotion, compassion, commitment, tenacity, imagination and dedication to the turfgrass industry has been demonstrated time and time again. In presenting the award to Doguet, Campbell commented, "For more than two decades David Doguet has been actively involved with TPI in ways that are too numerous to mention. He has served as a TPI board member, secretary-treasurer, vice president and in 1997-1998 he was TPI's president. He has served as the chair person for TPI's public relations working group since its inception. He has continually maintained high visibility on behalf of our industry, and he has been a persuasive and articulate spokesperson when representing TPI, the Turfgrass Producers of Texas, and all turfgrass sod producers on is-



sues of local, regional or national concern. At a time when many individuals with Davids tenure might ease back a bit on the throttle he moves forward.

Most recently he was instrumental in bringing together some of the leading extension specialists in the nation for a one-on-one get-together with TPI representatives to improve overall communication. His personal efforts in addressing issues proposed by the San Antonio Water System are well documented and have benefited the green industry and demonstrated how individuals working together can communicate effectively with local governing agencies. He has opened his farm out for field days, at his own expense, inviting extension

specialists, county agents, researchers and the media to better understand our industry. I am deeply honored to present this award to David Doguet and I cant think of anyone who is more deserving."