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Let's look at a quick example of how TGIF can help you with your job.

Situation: Your fields have had tremendous use during the summer and you need to justify to your employer why you must limit play for the recovery of the turf.

In the search bar, you simply type *field overuse*. Six entries appear in less than 2 seconds.

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You use information from three of the articles and want to do some further research on managing the recovery of Kentucky bluegrass. You type in *turf recovery Kentucky bluegrass*. That search yields 40 records, which provides you with exactly the data and information you need to validate your plan for a fall field rotation schedule.

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