The Arizona Department of Agriculture (AZDA) is proud to announce that in-person programming is back in place in 2021. However, for many programs, I
Given all the challenges, all the Zoom meetings, all the technical glitches, and so many
Thanksgiving and a gift drive for Christmas.
professionals about the importance of water conservation in Arizona. Our Family
both went to a virtual mode and continued to help educate teachers and landscape
research and safety information.
courses, ensuring that the state's professional applicators were up-to-date in the latest

Our horticulture and Master Gardener programs went 100% online. With the help of
streaming, allowing growers to visit agricultural fields virtually through the internet and

By Ed Martin
Directors Cut

By Michael Chamberland

Turf managers, municipalities, and homeowners are seeking safe, alternative,
turfgrasses along with weeds

Turfgrass Science

questions and answers following the main DIG presentation.
new reduced ticket price. Another new feature for DIG has been Zoom breakout-rooms

The Zoom platform was utilized. While 2019 and 2020 both featured the same number

of students from around the world. DIG 2020 will go virtual and be held as in-person events and were

gardening public.

prominent instrument of outreach to the
class series, offered by the Maricopa

By Scott Koeing

By Gigett Aja Webb

And at Johnny's Selected Seeds in Fairfield, Maine, saw a 270% jump in orders the

other times were times of watering and progress checks.
cilantro, kale, tomatoes, peppers, and a whole bunch of other healthy things. And all the

We are actively recruiting for Class 30 and the application deadline is March 15, 2021

John, Class 22 for winning his first election in LD4 and joining six other alumni already

leaders from across rural Arizona were selected into Class 29; meet them at

www.centrl.org/Class29

Agricultural Literacy & STEM Education program to bring agriculture literacy via Zoom to
citrus and Christmas trees are grown.

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