

## Felix Victor Juska (1914 – 1973)

Felix Juska was born in Chicago in 1914 and grew up in Michigan. After serving in World War II, he studied at the University of Michigan, earning all three of his college degrees there, from bachelors through doctorate.<sup>1</sup>

Juska was hired to head the USDA's Turfgrass Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland, in 1953. His research in turfgrass breeding and management was published widely, primarily as scholarly contributions, but also in the form of pamphlets on the topic of home lawn care.<sup>2</sup>

In his lifetime, Juska was recognized as one of the United States' leading authorities on turfgrass. He co-edited the 1969 monograph *Turfgrass Science*, received numerous awards, and in 1966 was named a fellow in the American Society of Agronomy for his accomplishments.<sup>3</sup>

Juska died suddenly in 1973, just months after retiring.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Dr. Felix V. Juska Turfgrass Authority Dies," *Weeds Trees and Turf*. 12(11) (November 1973): 34.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.