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Right (top): loading up the table with soil for treatment.
Right (bottom): Roy Vernon, wearing a cap, measures 3oz of Basamid to mix with a full bucketful of soil.
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