Since announcing the availability of their turf on the Big Roll in September, Rolawn have produced several pieces of equipment that are lent, free of charge to customers, for handling and laying.

The latest developments are their own pedestrian, self propelled, tracked machines, which differ from others in that they enable Rolawn clients to lay their own turf. Also available are a heavy duty motorised version and a Rolawn tractor attachment which fits a standard tractor (from 25 hp) and is ideal for large open areas. Rolawn's Big Rolls are approximately 31 yards long and 29 inches wide. For details call: 0904 608661.

Staffordshire based Turfmech Machinery Ltd. have announced they are now distributors of the range of Rotadairon Stone Burying machines from France. Like the very best and most effective ideas, the Rotadairon principle is simple. While cultivating to a depth of up to 22cm, all the soil is lifted over a rotor, broken down and sorted. The stones, clods and surface debris are then placed at the bottom of the cultivation depth. Fine soil particles make up the surface of a fine and level seedbed which could not be achieved, even with many passes, by a conventional cultivator, making hand picking a thing of the past. Models are available from 18 hp to 110 hp. For details call: 0889 981611.

Stewarts have launched a new natural seaweed soil conditioner to be marketed under the name Kelpie, replacing a range which fit a standard tractor (from 25 hp) and is ideal for large open areas. Rolawn's Big Rolls are approximately 31 yards long and 29 inches wide. For details call: 0904 608661.

The newly launched Articulator from Hayter Beaver is designed to eliminate the old problem of either scalping or leaving grass uncut on undulating golf course fairways. The Articulator's unique design is made up of a series of 21" rotary mowers which work in line, whilst floating independently. The secret of the machine's ability being found in a system of specially designed flex-joints, with each of the mowing decks capable of adjustment to give an overlap of between 2" and 5".

The PTO driven Articulator can cut at a ground speed of 4.5 mph and is available in 5', 8' or 11' widths.

The latest addition to Kawasaki's range of ATVs – the Mule 500 – is announced. Like its bigger brothers, the Mule 500 employs automatic belt drive torque converter transmission and Dual Mode differential for the rear axle – making it both easy to drive and easy on the ground. With a payload of up to 350 pounds, it can tow a wide variety of after market equipment – from specialist trailers to rollers, mowers and sprayers – via an optional trailer hitch. It is a single person vehicle and is powered by an electric start 286 cc 4 stroke petrol engine.

ICF's divestment programme has involved the rationalisation of their subsidiary, BritAg Industries Ltd, the company responsible for marketing Techturf in the UK. This has provided Netlon Ltd, the world-wide patent holders, with the opportunity to consolidate the UK into its international operations. The company promote the system outside the UK, which is established at golf courses in many parts of the world, as Netlon Advanced Turf. The system provides natural turf with durability, resistance to compaction and an inherent self-cultivating action. Netlon's Tim Oliver comments: "The move is timely. We are promoting the system world-wide, yet until now we have had no direct involvement in the domestic market. We will be recruiting a number of Techturf specialists in BritAg and users will benefit from the combined overseas and UK experience."

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