A GRASS GUIDE

Do you need reminding if there are rhizomes present in a particular grass or not? Here in a pocket size, full colour book is all the information you need to identify grasses and their related diseases and pests. Combining useful technical information with photography DLF Trifolium has released their new Guide to Amenity Grasses.

The Guide includes sections on grasses with useful information covering shoot density, germination period and cutting heights as well as distinguishing features and special properties of the particular specie. This section is followed by Fungal Diseases, their symptoms, hosts and when they occur and finally a section on Pests. Many of the photographs are courtesy of the STRI, who have contributed with their expertise to the technical contents of the Guide.

For further information Tel: 01386 791102.

LLOYDS LAUNCH MORE MOWERS

The new Paladin range fine turf mowers, with the latest operator presence controls and low Vibration Handles, have been launched by Lloyds & Co Letchworth, along with the new Hovermower and recently added Commercial Rotary range.

Lloyds Fairway Mowers are mounted on a range of tractors, which can also be fitted with an endless range of equipment. This includes the Lloyds range of cylinder rotary or flail mowers and other golf/groundcare equipment, meaning an end to valuable equipment left laying idle.

For further information Tel: 01462 683031.

A KUBOTA FIRST

The RTV900 all terrain utility vehicle has now been added to the Kubota (UK) Ltd Construction Equipment Division product range.

An extremely rugged machine, this four-wheel drive vehicle is the first of its type to be designed and built by Kubota. Where required, four wheel drive can be de-selected for reduced tyre wear and enhanced fuel consumption when driving on firm surfaces.

Powered by a Kubota 22hp E-TVCS three cylinder water-cooled diesel engine, the RTV900 is equipped with a three range variable hydrostatic transmission system. The system is actuated by a single foot pedal that gives variable forward and reverse travel up to a maximum speed of 25mph.

For further information Tel: 01844 214500.

H2 GOES PRO

H2Pro turf treatment, launched by Scotts UK Professional, has been proven in development trials to be capable of both overcoming the problems associated with dry patch and cutting irrigation needs by over 50%.

The formulation of H2Pro offers a multi-matrix mode of action, which means a number of different wetting and spreading agents have been combined with long term wetting agents to specifically address the water management needs of sports and amenity turf.

H2Pro penetrates deep into the soil through any thatch layer, and then spreads evenly. The product also lasts much longer, with its unique combination of short, medium and long chain surfactant molecules attaching themselves to water repellent deposit throughout the whole zone and enhancing water uptake and retention for the entire season.

For further information Tel: 08712 205353.

AMENITYWISE BROCHURE

Amenitywise has launched their new Fertiliser Brochure for 2005/06. The new brochure lists over 40 fertilisers to accommodate every greenkeeper's needs. The brochure features the Amenitywise own label alongside the leading manufacturers' fertilisers.

Soon to follow the fertiliser brochure will be the company's Seed Brochure, which will again have technical advice and information on all Amenitywise's own range of products but again all the leading manufacturers'. Also included in this brochure are micronutrients and biostimulants, as well as soil management products.

For further information Tel: 0845 4569850.

VARISEEDER 1300

Sisis has introduced a new version of their Variseeder. The Variseeder 1300 has a wider working width and a simpler, more accurate method of selecting the seeding rates.

This compact seeder is designed for use on golf greens, tees and approaches, it can be used with any tractor with three point linkage and can be adapted to fit most trucksters.

Seeding rate is variable and is simple and accurate to set by Zero Max box. A transparent cover is fitted for seed level visibility. Surface disturbance is minimal so overseeding can be carried out without taking the ground out of play. The Variseeder 1300 offers a fast work rate and low maintenance with few wearing parts.

For further information Tel: 01625 262450.
SELF SPECIFICATION

Rytec has introduced a series of new Self Specification tractor mounted sprayers. There are six capacities to choose from, from 200 to 1000 litres, all fitted with integral system rinse tank and hand wash tank, a 60 litre/min 20 bar diaphragm pump, integral system filter and self filler with hydraulic agitation and a four section control unit with pressure regulation on an adjustable mounting system to suit any tractor from small compact to large agricultural models.

Booms come in six, eight, 10, 12, 14 or 16 metre width with either single nozzles or quick change triple nozzle holders with rotating rapid change system for different application rates.

For further information Tel: 01944 768232.

NO SCANDAL AT THIS WATER-GATE

Two River Solutions Ltd (TRS) has announced the arrival of the Water-Gate water barrier to the UK and Ireland. The Water-Gate design makes it possible for the water to enter inside the fabric and stabilises it instantaneously.

When installing a culvert or working in water the barrier allows better work to be done in less time.

TRS offers an overflow diverter tunnel that is installed on top of the Water-Gate and connects to a spillway. This system lets you channel the overflow further downstream, giving you a dry streambed.

For further information Tel: 01608 664814.

THE NATURAL COURSE

STRI are set to release a new publication, A Natural Course for Golf. The book has been compiled by Malcolm Peake, who is also known for his work at Temple Golf Club and his book ‘Confessions of a Chairman of Green’.

A Natural Course for Golf proves how money can be saved when managing a golf course responsibly. The chemically orientated approach to agronomy, which was previously considered to be the modern way, is shown to be an unsustainable short-term philosophy, which will ultimately lead to irredeemable golf course decay.

The book contains some memorable quotes from a variety of interesting and diverse sources.

"I think the over-watering and over-fertilising of golf courses is one of British golf’s biggest sins. A liberal irrigation and fertilising policy merely succeeds in dampening a course’s interest and character. I would encourage all golfers to read and digest the wisdom that is contained in A Natural Course for Golf," states Nick Faldo.

BIGGA President Sir Michael Bonallack has written the book’s foreword.

For more information Tel: 01274 565131.

MAKING AN IMPACT

Rigby Taylor has launched Mascot Impact, a line marking system incorporating Integrated Paint Technology (IPT).

Impact centres on the combination of a ready-to-use concentrated paint, a multi purpose spray marking machine and environmentally friendly packaging. Impact offers total control of line marking operations, providing measurable time and cost savings. There is no water, no mixing, and no mess.

The multi-purpose Impact spray marker is a high pressure, battery operated machine that applies a controlled volume of paint time after time, ensuring consistency of line and making life easy for the operator.

The concentrated Impact paint formulation totally eliminates the need for any water compared to traditional methods, and comes in 10-litre bag-in-a-box packaging. The empty inner plastic bag can be disposed of with standard refuse and the outer cardboard carton is totally recyclable.

For further information Tel: 0800 424 919.

EYE OF THE TIGRONE

Antonio Carraro has introduced seven new models to their Tigrone range of tractors. The series are a line of compact tractors with equally sized wheels designed for increase stability and reduced surface compaction.

Marketed in Britain by Carraro UK, the new series includes the S 5400V, SN 6500V and SX 8400 with articulated chassis and the T 5400, TN 6500, TN 8400 and TC 8400 with steering chassis.

Features in the series include a lowered profile, a moulded streamline design, sprung and adjustable seats, adjustable trailer hook and collapsible roll bar. The moulded front grill and the lateral guards on the bodywork protect the engine by guaranteeing ideal thermal exchange even in high temperatures. The vertical opening of the bonnet allows easy access to the engine for routine maintenance.

The driver’s seat is well protected and positioned on a platform with silent block anti-vibration mounts. The steering wheel, control levers and pedals have a new concept anti-stress design. Direct injection ensures low fuel and oil consumption.

Maximum speed varies between 30-40 Km/h depending on the model and the internal brake discs result in a reduced stopping distance. The tractors also boast good ground clearance and a low centre of gravity.

For further information Tel: 01420 479606.

NO MORE DRIFT

The new Turbo TeeJet Induction spray tip design is ideal for use when off target drift is a concern and overlap distribution is required. Using a unique pre-orifice design, the smaller droplets in the spectrum are eliminated and large, air-filled, drift-resistant droplets are produced.

The TTi offers many benefits, including a wide angle flat spray pattern, excellent spray pattern distribution and an economical polymer construction. Other TTi features are easy pre-orifice removal for cleaning/inspection, a choice of six capacities ranging from 0.56 to 1.9 l/min 2.75 bar, colour-coding in compliance with the ISO standard for easy capacity identification and easy installation/alignment via Quick TeeJet Caps.

For further information Tel: 01428 608888.