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DONALD R. BENHAM, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FLORIDA TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION 7309 LINKS COURT SARASOTA, FL 33813 OCTOBER 31, 2001

Dear Donald:

At the recommendation of Jan Beljan, Associate Designer with Fazio Golf Course Designers, you are invited to join Jonathan’s Landing Golf Club to officially open our newly re-designed “Village Course”. During this event the members of Jonathan’s Landing would like to present a check in the amount of $6,500 to benefit the Florida Turfgrass Association.

The membership at Jonathan’s Landing is appreciative of the dedication shown by the organization in developing superior products to better the game of golf. Through your efforts and those affiliated around the country, the continued research improving turf conditions has greatly assisted our industry.

We would appreciate your attendance.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Young, CCM
General Manager/COO

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There is a third way: encouraging your board of directors and general manager to have your membership join “Golfers for a Better Environment.”

BENHAM’S BEAT

Other Shoe Drops: IFAS Budget Cuts Go Deeper

By Donald Benham

The University of Florida has been told to cut another $2 million after already cutting its budget by $2.1 million. Dr. Mike Martin, vice president for agriculture and natural resources, has sent a letter outlining the new reductions. In other words, the other shoe has dropped. Several of these reductions will have direct, immediate effect on all of us. For example the closing of three RECs, restructuring of two more, closures and restructuring of selected campus research programs. To quote Dr. Martin “Be forewarned, we will have to reduce or eliminate programs, if we are to keep our commitment to excellence and some very productive, loyal and long-serving staff members will be laid off.”

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well, but the impact is less severe. Curative controls have been unsuccessful, but preventive measures with Fore and Compass have been a plus. Stay tuned for more information on this developing story.

Patrick O'Brien and Chris Hartwiger

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PRODUCT UPDATES

Insecticide Product Bans Take Effect, Labels Modified

Editor’s Note: As a result of the Food Quality Protection Act, the organophosphate family of insecticides is being reassessed and we have seen drastic changes in the arsenal of products we have relied on for years. The following information has been provided by the manufacturers to update you on the status of some of our insecticides.

OTTO Re-registration Status

At this time the reregistration and tolerance assessment process of Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental (Acephate) is nearly complete. The news appears very good for the golf course industry. EPA believes that worker exposure to acephate is within acceptable limits for most golf course use scenarios. In addition, EPA has determined that exposure of golfers to acephate residues is not of concern in any current use scenario. Although some labeling changes will be required, they should not significantly affect the viability of Orthene as a pest management tool for golf course superintendents.

The precise changes that EPA will require for the use of Orthene on golf courses have not been finalized. However, it appears highly likely that the following changes will occur:

1. OTTO 75 SP that is not in water-soluble packaging (WSP) will no longer be labeled for ground boom application on golf courses but will remain available as a mound treatment for fire ants. OTTO 75 SP in WSP and OTTO 97 Spray (pellet) will continue to be labeled for application by ground boom.

2. The maximum labeled rate for acephate on golf courses will drop from 5.0 lbs of active ingredient per acre to 4.0 lbs/acre. This means the “new” labeled rate will be 5.2 lbs of formulated product/acre for OTTO 97. This rate reduction should have no significant impact on a superintendent’s ability to control labeled turf pests, including mole crickets, cutworms, webworms, and armyworms.

In addition to currently required personal protective equipment (PPE), workers also have to wear a respirator and chemically resistant gloves when mixing and loading OTTO.

It is possible that EPA will require additional label changes for the use of Orthene on golf courses, but we believe any such changes will have relatively minor impact.

Joe Chamberlain
Valent Professional Products
Field Market Development Specialist

Dursban

Old-label Dursban products (labeled for residential use) can be sold to end users until Dec. 31, 2001.

Old-label products for Dursban purchased prior to Dec. 31, 2001 can continue to be used by end users under the direction of the old label while supplies last.

New-label Dursban 50W can be used on golf courses, nursery-grown ornamentals, sod farms and non-residential outdoor areas.

Dursban Pro can be used on golf courses and non-residential areas. Golf Course usage has

Stuart R. Cohen, formerly of Almar Turf Products, Inc., is pleased to announce that he will be conducting business under the name of Tee-To-Green Turf Products, Inc. and will be providing the identical products that he previously provided with Almar.

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PLANTS OF THE YEAR FOR 2002

Common name: Compact Walter’s Viburnum  
Botanical name: Viburnum obovatum (compact form)  
Hardiness: Zones 7 - 10  
Mature height and spread: 4’ - 6’ tall, 3’-4’ wide  
Classification: Native evergreen shrub  
Landscape use: Low hedge or specimen plant  
Characteristics: This Florida native features white flowers in early spring. These selected shrubs have red new growth and a more compact growing habit. The red fruit turns black in the fall and in North Florida is semi-deciduous.

Common name: Perennial Peanut  
Botanical name: Arachis glabrata  
Hardiness: Zones 8B - 11  
Mature height and spread: 6”-12” tall, 1’-3’ wide  
Classification: Ground cover  
Landscape use: Flowering ground cover, turf replacement  
Characteristics: This plant is a good ground cover for well drained soil in a sunny area that tolerates mowing. Bears yellow flowers during late spring, summer and fall.

Common name: Oak Leaf Hydrangea  
Botanical name: Hydrangea quercifolia  
Hardiness: Zones 5-9  
Mature height and spread: 5’-8’ tall, 5’-6’ wide  
Classification: Deciduous flowering shrub  
Landscape use: Specimen or mass planting  
Characteristics: This native plant needs light to medium shade and has large, fragrant creamy-white terminal bloom-clusters in spring. The large, course rusty-brown foliage turns red-orange in the fall.

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been reduced to a 1-pound/acre rate. (This rate is not a season maximum rate but a maximum single application rate. The new label Dursban Pro (Caution label) and Dursban 50W (Danger label) are restricted use pesticides.

End users should apply all products for Dursban according to label directions on the container.

Remember the effectiveness or safety of Dursban has not changed. Dow AgroSciences appreciates your past and continued support of Dursban.

Dow AgroSciences Flyer

Turcam Update

The Chipco Professional Products group of Aventis E.S. will soon cease production and distribution of Turcam insecticide due to a 1999 EPA-mandated phase-out agreement. While production will cease Oct. 31, 2001, end users can apply Turcam indefinitely from stocks purchased and delivered prior to Oct. 31, 2001. For specific information on advanced purchase specials call 1-800-438-5837.

After your Turcam inventory is gone, end users may wish to consider using DeltaGard and Sevin for broad spectrum control of insect problems. DeltaGard (deltamethrin) is a low-dose insecticide with four to six weeks residual action. Sevin has been around for 35 years and comes in water-soluble packing. Sevin has a low phytotoxicity level and highly effective residual activity.

Jim Fetter, Director of Marketing, Chipco
Professional Products

2001 Plants of the Year

Editor's Note: This program sponsored by the Woody Division of the FNGA introduces purchasers to under-utilized, but proven Florida plant material. Selected each year by a panel of horticulturists, nurserymen, educators, landscape architects and other professional members of the horticulture industry, these plants have attributes which attract wildlife or have minimal maintenance impact on the environment.