Neogen ranked among fastest-growing firms

Neogen Corp., a Lansing, Mich.-based biotechnology firm, has been ranked the 46th fastest-growing private company in the nation by "Inc." magazine. One of Neogen's three primary product lines is the EnviroCaster, a computerized, solar-powered agricultural and turf management instrument.

The Inc. 500 list is based on percentage growth in sales from 1984 to 1988. To qualify, companies must have been independent and privately held as of July 3 and maintain sales between $100,000 and $25 million. More than 20,000 potential candidates received nominations for the 1988 listing.

Hunter honors Sarsfields for achievement

Irrigation industry technical consultants Chet and Wanda Sarsfield of Lafayette, Calif., have been presented the Hunter Industries' 1989 Industry Achievement Award at a national distributor meeting in San Diego. As owners of a textbook publishing firm, Irrigation Technical Services, the Sarsfields were honored for their educational contributions to the field of irrigation.

Chet Sarsfield's textbook, "The ABCs of Lawn Sprinkler Systems," is widely used in college landscape design programs and is recognized as one of the most authoritative publications in the field. He has also written many irrigation technical manuals for agricultural engineers, ornamental horticulturists, and landscape architects.

Wanda Sarsfield is a partner in Irrigation Technical Services and has served as executive secretary for the Northern California Turfgrass Council. She was also the national executive secretary for the American Society of Irrigation Consultants. She has been the CLCA state treasurer for Grass Widows.

Lofts opens Ohio branch

Lofts Seed Inc. has formed a new branch in Wilmington, Ohio. Lofts/Ohio will market seed for spring, with shipments starting in late December to Ohio, areas of Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Michigan. A complete line of Lofts' turfgrasses, wildflowers, lawn fertilizer and farm products (forage grasses and legumes) will be stocked.

The branch will be managed by David Goodwin, who most recently managed DeWine Seed Co. in Ohio.

Kohler adds distributor

Kohler Co.'s Engine Division has added Power Systems as a central distributor for Kohler engine products in Idaho, Utah, northeastern Nevada and southwestern Wyoming.

Power Systems serves lawn and garden, construction and industrial industries as a supplier of four-cycle, air-cooled gasoline engines. Power Systems will supply the full line of Kohler engines, parts and accessories, and service.

Bob Barnhart is the sales manager for Power Systems' Engine Division. The firm has offices at 4499 Market St., Boise, Idaho; and 540 W. 3615 S., Salt Lake City, Utah.

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