AgriDyne Technologies has public offering at $10 per share

SALT LAKE CITY — AgriDyne Technologies Inc. has made the initial public offering of 1,750,000 shares of its common stock at a price of $10 per share.

AgriDyne develops and markets environmentally compatible botanical insecticides and plant-growth enhancement products. The firm has recently obtained product registrations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its first products based on azadirachtin, a broad-spectrum natural insecticide derived from the seeds of the neem tree.

The net proceeds from the sale of 1,750,000 shares will be used to commercialize and market the company’s EPA-registered products, to support research, development and commercialization of new products, to pay costs incurred in connection with EPA and state product registration, and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The shares are being offered by an underwriting group managed by Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood Inc. of Minneapolis and Dain Bosworth Inc. The shares will be traded in the over-the-counter market under the symbol AGRI, with quotations listed on the NASDAQ National Market System.

Samudio and Sellmann are promoted at Jacklin Seed Co.

Jacklin Seed Co. has promoted assistant plant breeders Susan Samudio and Mark Sellmann to the positions of associate plant breeders.

Samudio joined the Jacklin Seed Research Department in the winter of 1990 as the perennial ryegrass breeder. With warm-season plant breeding added to her responsibilities, Samudio continues to conduct research and development in Post Falls, Idaho, and at Jacklin facilities in Yuma, Ariz. Samudio is a graduate of Texas Tech University in crops, and received her master’s in plant and soil science at Southern Illinois University.

Sellmann, a graduate of Kansas State University in agronomy, served as a graduate research assistant while working on his master’s in soil science and plant breeding at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Sellmann’s focus will continue to be on his evaluation work with the fine fescue species, and Jacklin’s tall fescue breeding program with efforts directed at the production of high quality turf varieties with improved texture, dark green color, disease and insect resistance.

DICO offers radial tires for golf cars

CLINTON, Tenn. — DICO Tire, Inc., a division of the Dyneer Corp., has started production of the industry’s first radial tire for golf carts.

DICO’s radial comes in answer to user demands for longer wearing, more fuel efficient tires and joins a full line of DICO golf cart tires designed for specific needs, according to Mark Bright, DICO’s product marketing manager.

More hard-surface cart paths are being constructed. These cart paths create a greater need for tire wear resistance.

At the same time, energy efficiency is improved with the radial tire. “While gasoline-powered cart users may consider this a minor point,” Bright said, “battery-powered cart users say that any improvement that will increase running time between charges is a definite advantage.”

EPA gives thumbs up to herbicide

DES PLAINES, Ill. — Sandoz Agro, Inc. has received Environmental Protection Agency registration for Barricade WG, a pre-emergence herbicide for the lawncare and golf course markets, according to the company.

Barricade WG claims season-long control of key weeds such as crabgrass and goosegrass with a single application.

Other key weeds controlled by Barricade WG include annual bluegrass, common chickweed, henbit, knotweed, prostrate spurge, rescuegrass, shepardspurse and foxtails.