**BRIEFS**

**KINSEVIRK MOVES UP AT JACKLIN**

Jacklin Seed Company recently announced the promotion of Traffic Manager Jim Kinsevirk to the Domestic Marketing Department. Kinsevirk originally joined the company in 1983, after graduating from Spokane Community College with a degree in agribusiness, with an emphasis in seed and grain. He has been traffic manager with Jacklin for four years, coordinating all aspects of domestic and international shipping arrangements.

**SEED RESEARCH HONORS SCHMELKE**

Seed Research of Oregon has presented its “International Marketing Excellence” award to John Schmelke and Gordon Wing of Agrico Sales, Ltd. in Delta, British Columbia, Canada. The award recognizes innovative sales and marketing strategies, unsurpassed customer service, and a commitment to professional excellence. "Agrico is a shining example for the entire industry. They are a model of integrity and ingenuity that every company would do well to emulate," said Mike Robinson, founder and president of Seed Research of Oregon.

**PRECISION APPOINTS LANCASTER**

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Precision Laboratories, Inc., has announced the appointment of Bobby N. Lancaster to the position of manager of its Wholesale Division. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Lancaster joins Precision after a successful career with IMC Fertilizer. He served in various sales and marketing positions with IMC for more than two decades and was active in many industry associations. Lancaster will be responsible for wholesale marketing and sales activities.

**CRAMPTON JOINS INTERNATIONAL SEEDS**

HALSEY, Ore. — Chuck Crampton has been appointed research agronomist at International Seeds Inc. He will conduct turf quality and seed yield trials along with data collection and analysis. He will also provide technical support to sales and marketing personnel. Crampton comes to International Seeds from the Oregon State University, where he worked at the Agricultural Experiment Station.

**SUPPLIER BUSINESS**

**NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH**


**Micro-Mower tackles macro workload**

**By Mark Leslie**

WEST JEFFERSON, Ohio — It cuts. It mulches. It verticuts. Perhaps the Micro-Mower should be named the macro-mower since it was built to perform duties beyond the call. "It sets itself apart," says R.L. Parsons & Son Equipment’s marketing director, John Parsons. "My boss [Ralph Parsons] spent years designing and engineering this product." The Micro-Mower MPS400 is a three-gang "finish mower" with "high-speed, dynamically balanced, flail cutting heads" that cuts from one-half to four inches high and 13 feet wide. The heads float so they don’t scalp the ground, and the machine verticuts and mulches as it mows. A full-width roller helps give a precise cutting height, and the cutting heads are individually controlled via key switches so that various combinations can be accomplished. A high-speed (4,000 RPM versus 1,500 RPM) rotor shaft drives the verticut knives which, Parsons said, spin counterclockwise. Most knives spin clockwise, but the Micro-Mower’s counter motion "pulls up the dead turf and mulches it."

He said one pass normally achieves the verticut and mulch operations. Untreated areas might require a second pass for mulching. Parsons said the unit’s light weight (1,150 pounds and low power)

**DuPont pulls plug on Tersan 1991, Manzate 200**

**By Hal Phillips**

WILMINGTON, Del. — Add DuPont fungicides Tersan 1991 and Manzate 200 to the growing list of chemicals whose reregistration with EPA cannot be justified by the manufacturer.

When the U.S. Congress ratified the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act in 1988 — mandating that all chemicals registered with the Environmental Protection Agency before 1983 reregister by 1997 — there were 45,000 chemicals on the market.

There are now less than 20,000, according to the EPA’s Al Heier.

And this just in: The EPA has asked the registrants of five pesticides for voluntary interim risk-reduction measures that could be put into place in time for the 1994 growing season.

These five pesticides — aldicarb (Rhone-Poulenc), azinphos-methyl (Miles, Makhteshim Agan, and Gowan), methamidophos (Valent and Gowan), methomyl (DuPont) and mevinphos (Amvac) — are considered by EPA as being of the most immediate concern among 83 pesticides with the agency recently reviewed for their potential to pose acute risks to applicators.