American Excelsior Co., a manufacturer of erosion-control blankets, concrete revetment system and mulches, has introduced its newest product: Fiber-Cel hydraulic mulch. Produced from a blend of two unique mulch ingredients—wood fibers (Aspen) and cellulose—Fiber-Cel combines the unique properties of both these elements to create a greenhouse effect for germinating seeds. Fiber-Cel's wood-fiber content is known to act as a carrying agent for additives, including tackifiers and water-retention agents. When used with tackifiers, these fibers hold nutrients close to the seed for better germination and growth. The product's cellulose component is utilized for its ability to fill in spaces between soil particles, creating a paper-mâché effect on the soil. Fiber-Cel mixture is one (1) 50 lb. bag to 100 gallons of water. The suggested application rate is 2,000 lbs. per acre on 3:1 slopes or less. Consult local or state specifications for exact rates. For more information, contact Steve Walker at 800-777-SOIL.

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Gandy aerators reduce compaction
Gandy's new aerators, models 4972 and 4996, are professional aeration tools designed with dual-wheel aerating heads which independently follow the ground contour. Model 4972 operates at a 6-foot aerating width, the Model 4996 at an 8-foot span. Both mount on a tractor category I, 3-pt. hitch. Interchangeable coring spoons or slicing knives allow operators to core/slice turf to reduce thatch and soil compaction.

For more information, call 800-443-2476.

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Tupersan eliminates undesirable grasses
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — PBI Gordon's Tupersan herbicide wettable powder is a convenient sprayable formulation of Siduron, a preemergent which inhibits the establishment of undesirable grasses without interfering with the establishment of desirable newly seeded or seedling grasses. Labeled for most major cool-season turf species, Tupersan provides highly effective control of smooth and hairy crabgrass, as well as foxtail and barnyardgrass.

Gordon's Bensumec 4LF preemergent grass and weed herbicide contains Betasan, especially formulated by PBI Gordon for easy mixing with water, soluble fertilizers and other products registered for turf care. Bensumec 4LF provides effective, season-long control of annual grass and broadleaf weeds in greens, tees, fairways, dichondra and grass lawns in many areas. It is well tolerated by most turfgrasses and is an economical product for eliminating Poa annua on greens and tees.

For information on Tupersan call 800-821-8275.

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New Subdue Maxx formulation okayed
GREENSBORO, N.C. — Subdue MAXX, a new formulation that provides disease protection at half the recommended rate of the original Subdue fungicide, has received registration by the Environmental Protection Agency. The new formulation will be introduced to the market this year, eventually replacing all current Subdue formulations.

Subdue MAXX features a new active ingredient, mefenoxam, that is twice as active as metalaxyl, the active ingredient currently in Subdue. Mefenoxam is an isomer of metalaxyl and a more biologically active chemical compound, making application rates are half those currently recommended for Subdue.

Subdue MAXX controls pythium blight, pythium damping-off and downy mildew on many warm-and cool-season turf species. For more information, contact Ciba at 910-547-1096.

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