ANDERSON HEADS SALES OF BUSH
HOG'S GOLF COURSE MULCHING MOWER
SELMA, Ala. — Jimmy Anderson has been named national turf manager for Bush Hog's golf course products. Anderson is responsible for product development of Bush Hog's Mulch Pro TDM-11 golf course mulching mower. Mounted one above the other, the Mulch Pro's blades turn in opposite directions at speeds over 15,000 feet per minute. The lower blade mows the grass and lifts the clippings into the cutting circle. The upper blade cuts the clippings into fragments that are so small they disappear between the blades of grass.

HUMPHREYS RETURNS TO SCOTTS
SOD DIVISION
MARYSVILLE, Ohio — The Scotts Co. announced that Larry Humphreys has returned to the company as territory manager, sod grower sales. Humphreys, who has been in the sod industry for 23 years, worked at Scotts until 1995 when he left to join a competitive company. Less than three years later, he returned to team up with Jeff Cain, corporate sales manager, to provide Scotts' technical assistance and sales service to sod growers.

ZENECA PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTS
NAMES NEW T&O SALES LEAD
WILMINGTON, Del.—Zeneca Professional Products has named Jerid Wendling as territory sales representative for Ciba Crop Protection. Wendling has worked for Zeneca Professional Products, Wendling held the position of key territory representative for Ciba Crop Protection.

AgriBioTech to take Zajac, affiliates
LAS VEGAS — Dr. Johnny Thomas, chief executive officer of AgriBioTech, has announced that the company has signed four separate letters of intent to purchase Zajac Performance Seeds Inc. and its Oregon affiliate (Zajac), Ohio Seed Co. (Ohio Seed), Van Dyke Seed Co. Inc. (Van Dyke) and Las Vegas Fertilizer Co. Inc. (LVF).

NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH
ANAHEIM, Calif.— The Taylor-Dunn Manufacturing Co. has entered the outdoor market with the Roadmaster, a new gasoline-powered vehicle. Designated the model R6-80, the Roadmaster is made of 16-gauge Diamond Plate Steel and can carry as much as 1,000 pounds over rough, uneven surfaces. The Roadmaster was designed for situations requiring around-the-clock operation, precluding the use of electric-powered vehicles that need recharging several hours a day. Powered by a quiet, nine-horsepower engine, the Roadmaster has a range of up to 100 miles. The engine meets the strict, low-emission standards of the California Air Resources Board. For more information, contact Taylor-Dunn at 310-293-0622.
ProStar obtains new EPA labeling

MONTVALE, N.J. — AgrEvo has announced that its fungicide, ProStar 50 WP, recently obtained new labeling from the EPA for both preventative and curative suppression of fairy ring.

The disease, caused by the puffball mushroom, plagues putting greens by growing unnoticed within the soil, causing necrotic/hydrophobic rings, often leading to localized dry spot, spawning unsightly mushrooms.

As a result of the EPA approval, ProStar 50 WP is now labeled for three types of fairy ring treatment: preventative treatments on newly built or rebuilt putting greens; preventative treatments on existing putting greens with a history of fairy ring prior to periodic visible signs of rings; and curative treatments at first signs of development (greening, death of turf, mushrooms) to suppress growth.

The EPA approval was supported by results of a 1994 University of Florida test conducted by pathologist Dr. Monica Elliott in which she concluded that ProStar 50 WP stopped mushroom production on a USGA specification research green.

Lofts presents annual royalty check

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Dr. Richard Hurley, executive vice president of Lofts Seed, recently acknowledged the company’s commitment to turfgrass research at Rutgers University by presenting its annual royalty check.

The check, which totaled $822,522.49, was presented to Dr. Reed Funk, Dr. Bill Meyer, and members of the turfgrass research program. The presentation took place at the Rutgers Horticultural Farm II.

"Our relationship with Rutgers has been so rewarding for both Lofts and the university turfgrass research program. Rutgers continues to be a leader in turfgrass development and Lofts Seed is glad to be part of that effort," said Hurley.

Lofts Seed also annually presents Rutgers with scholarships for turfgrass students from the Peter Selmer Loft Scholarship Fund which to date has provided funding for over 150 scholarships. This year, Lofts awarded a record number 28 scholarships.

AgrEvo awards turf scholarships

MONTVALE, N.J. — AgrEvo recently announced the winners of its annual Turf Scholarships.

Winners included: Anthony Palesano and Travis Outlaw of Oklahoma State University; Sean McDonough of Oregon State University; Dallas Smith of Texas A&M University; and Michael Frcault and Paul Fox of the University of Florida. Each received a $500 scholarship to be used toward the study of turfgrass management.

According to George Raymond, AgrEvo green industry marketing manager, "In today's era of technology, we recognize the educational needs of future turfgrass managers, therefore, we have a viable interest in their professionalism."

Jerry Pate

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Pate believes his passion and experience will trickle down to increased service and increased sales.

"I owned a 36-hole development [Tiger Point in Pensacola] for eight years," he said. "When you're on that side of the business you learn the needs of a golf operation. You learn the difference between good equipment and not-so-good equipment and you learn the difference between good service from a distributor and not-so-good service."

Meanwhile, Jerry Pate Golf Design currently has four projects under construction and several jobs pending. Pate recently joined forces with Tom Fazio on a second 18 holes at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Philadelphia, Miss. Dancing Rabbit is Pate's fourth design collaboration with Fazio.