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Shortage Predicted in 1975 For Weed Control Materials

Due to shortages of materials needed for manufacture of herbicides, mainly petroleum and gas, experts predict 1975 will be another year of herbicide shortages. Prices are also expected to be 10 to 30 percent higher in 1975 than in 1974.

There will be very few new products in 1975, and superintendents are advised to determine what materials and what amounts he needs, and get his order in as soon as possible. "Except delivery as soon as possible," one agronomist told GOLFDOM, "this will protect a superintendent from shortages and any subsequent increases in price."

If a superintendent cannot find the herbicide he needs, there are substitutions that can be made, but Edward Stroube, extension agronomist at Ohio State University, urges the superintendent to be sure these substitutes will do similar jobs. Also, if only a limited amount of material is available, he said, do not reduce the rate so you can use the material on more acres. Use the herbicide at a rate required for good weed control on the most seriously infested areas and depend on cultural practices on the remaining area.

Superintendent Standard Set For Pesticide Application

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced rules and regulations governing the certification of applicators, including superintendents, who apply restricted-use pesticides.

It is important pesticide users who apply these pesticides become familiar with the certification requirements and the proper safe use of pesticides, according to David R. Miskell, associated state leader, agricultural industry, Ohio State University. He said that after Oct. 21, 1976, most pesticides classified for restricted use may be applied

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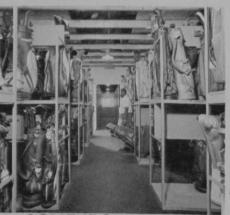
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Each state must submit a plan to the EPA stating how the state will handle certification. It should be noted the EPA has yet to publish its list of pesticides for restricted use. There are two basic types of certified applicators as defined by the EPA — private and commercial. In addition, there are 10 categories of commercial applicator based on occupation, and golf course superintendents will most likely fall under the commercial heading of ornamental and turf pest control.

All commercial applicators will be expected to know a general "core" of information regarding the use of pesticides. This will include label and labeling comprehension, safety, environment, pests, pesticides, equipment, application techniques and laws and regulations.

The law provides certification will be done by the individual states. The EPA will approve state plans which meet standards, but will not certify applicators. It is hoped, of course, that neighboring states can arrive at a system so certification in one state will be valid in the neighboring state.

Minimum Suggested Salary Upped by Club Managers

The cost of just about everything involved with running a golf course is up these days, and the salary required to get a top-notch club manager is no different.

The executive board of the Club Managers of America Assn. has unanimously approved that the minimum salary figure to be considered by its Executive Referral Service should be upped to \$15,000 from its previous \$12,000.

National Club Association To Meet in Washington

The annual conference of the National Club Assn. is scheduled April 13-15 in Washington, D.C. according to Gerald F. Hurley, NCA executive director.

More than 300 of the officers, directors, managers and owners of private clubs in the U.S. along with leading supplier and developer representatives are expected to attend.

Special features of the two-day meeting include a Capitol Hill lunch in the Senate Caucus Room with Sen. Henry M. Jackson as the keynote speaker. The NCA seminars will center on management and administrative topics concerning both the Association and the private club industry. Federal legislation and regulation, particularly taxation, will receive heavy emphasis.

Conference registration of \$125 for members and \$75 for their spouses includes all receptions and meals. Representatives of private clubs who are not NCA members are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the NCA, 1129 20th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.



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