

News

PESTICIDES

FIFRA bill becomes law

President Jimmy Carter signed the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act on September 30; it had been passed by voice vote in the U.S. Senate on September 18 and in the House of Representatives on September 19.

FIFRA makes the states the primary enforcers of the law, rather than the federal EPA, in those 30 states having federally approved EPA plans. States without such plans would be subject to federal EPA inspections.

Although under FIFRA it would still be illegal to use a pesticide in a manner not permitted by labeling, exceptions to this would provide some freedom of choice. They include:

- using a pesticide at less than label concentration or dosage
- applying a pesticide against target pests not listed on the label, provide the application is to a labeled crop, animal, or site and the label does not specifically prohibit use against that target pest
- using a method of application not listed on the label
- and mixing the pesticide with fertilizer if not specifically prohibited by the label.

DBCP ban does not include golf courses

A federal Environmental Protection Agency proposal to restrict the use of the pesticide DBCP (dibromochloropropane) would still allow golf courses to apply the chemical for nematodes — provided application is by trained workers wearing protective clothing and respirators. Also, unprotected people would not be allowed in treated areas for 24 hours after application of DBCP.

The proposed permanent restrictions are similar to temporary restrictions imposed last year (see GOLF BUSINESS, December 1977, p. 15) and would ban use of DBCP on most fruit and vegetable crops while allowing controlled, professional application to turf and ornamentals. The new restrictions

are subject to a hearing, which has been requested by a California pesticide distributor and the California Rural Legal Association. For now, the temporary restrictions will remain in force.

DBCP is said to cause cancer in laboratory animals and sterility in human males producing the product. The pesticide is no longer made in the United States, but is imported for limited use by Amvac Corp., Dow Chemical Co., a division of Occidental Petroleum Co., and Shell Oil Co.'s chemical unit. EPA gave these companies permission to sell DBCP because their labels carry proper warnings.

FOUNDATIONS

NGF membership reaches new high

A record 1,960 of the nation's golf facilities participated in the National Golf Foundation's associate membership program this year, according to NGF Executive Director Don A. Rossi.

Helen Kernander, NGF administrative assistant who operates the program, reports that 335 courses became members in 1978 for the first time. Total membership in 1977 was 1,745; in 1976, 1,612.

Initiated in 1966, the program provides member courses with numerous operational aids for an annual fee of \$60. Total cost of all items if purchased separately would be over \$100. Materials provided include 300 copies of the current volume of golf rules, the new 400-page looseleaf Golf Operations Handbook (with annual updates), and other pertinent publications.

For further information on associate memberships, write to NGF headquarters at 200 Castlewood Dr., North Palm Beach, FL 33408



Scenes from 1978 New Jersey field day (top to bottom): Paul Boizelle (in cap at left of truck), Fiddlers Elbow CC, and Dr. Henry Indyk (center) lead guided tour of outdoor exhibit area. Local suppliers such as Andrew Wilson Co. displayed wide variety of turf and irrigation equipment, also donated door prizes. Ken Kubik (in cap at left) is sales manager of this 75-year-old distributor in the New Jersey/metropolitan New York area. Demonstrations on the Rutgers golf course included power trap rakes, greensmowers, and aerators. Ken Indyk of Storr Tractor Co., Westfield, N.J., operates a Ryan Greensaire II.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

N.J. field day draws record crowd

A record 650 turf managers, mostly golf course personnel, attended the 14th annual Turfgrass Equipment, Irrigation, and Supplies Field Day put on last month by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey.

According to Paul Boizelle,

past president of the New Jersey association, the event is unique in that each year it is sponsored by one of the state GCSA's eight districts and co-sponsored by the previous year's sponsoring district. The 1978 field day was sponsored by district 4 and co-sponsored by district 6.

The grounds at Rutgers University's stadium and golf course provided ample room for the 60 exhibits as well as a natural setting for the demonstration of turf

NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION BOX SCORE

January-September 1978		REGULATION COURSES	EXECUTIVE COURSES	PAR 3 COURSES	TOTAL
OPENED FOR PLAY	New	33	9	3	81
	Additions	29	7	0	
STARTED CONSTRUCTION	New	34	3	2	69
	Additions	26	2	2	
PROSPECTIVE		68	8	4	80