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> Reel mower
Locke Turf introduces the GT “Micro Cut” Reel Mower, which features a stand-alone power train. The engine has been moved forward, the tail wheel removed and a mid-mount roller located just ahead of the traction rollers provides balance even without a cutting unit attached. By incorporating the full-floating counterbalanced reel, the GT series will follow undulations and contours well, the company says. The heavy-duty grooved aluminum front roller and solid rear roller are designed with two sections to eliminate scuffing in curves. Each end of both rollers is adjustable for precision in adjusting and maintaining heights of cut. Locke’s premium tournament knife is capable of attaining a cut as low as .045 inches. For more information, contact 800-537-3713 or www.locketurf.com.

Fire ant bait
DuPont Professional Products introduces DuPont Advion Fire Ant Bait to combat the red imported fire ant problem facing much of the southern United States. Advion provides control of fire ants within 24 to 72 hours after application. Advion, which received EPA approval in August, contains the active ingredient Indoxacarb that belongs to a new class of insecticide chemistry. Advion’s fast action results from the metabolic activation of Indoxacarb by developing larvae within the colony. The activated metabolite is then distributed to other members of the colony, including the queen. For more information, contact 888-638-7668 or www.proproducts.dupont.com.

'Zero-Down' Promotion
Jacobsen offers a new “No Pay ‘til May” program to help superintendents finance the purchase of new golf and turf care equipment. The program, which runs through Dec. 31, allows superintendents to put no money down and make no payments on new Jacobsen turf equipment until May 2005. For more information, contact www.jacobsen.com.

Truck-Mounted Topdresser
Turfco offers a new version of its WideSpin 1530 Truck Mount Topdresser that will make this efficient machine available to more superintendents. The new machine can now be attached to John Deere ProGator and Toro Workman utility vehicles. The new version of the WideSpin 1530 features a 19-cubic-foot hopper capacity with a longer, wider opening for easier loading of materials. Attaching the unit to the utility vehicle is simple, requiring the use of just a few mounting brackets and connections. The WideSpin 1530 is ideal for superintendents who implement a light, frequent topdressing program. The machine can topdress as light as a fertilizer spreader up to 30 feet wide, allowing superintendents to topdress 18 holes in as fast as 90 minutes, according to the company. For more information, contact 763-785-1000 or www.turfco.com.

Battling fairy ring
For the past several years, Cleary Chemical has been working with experts to evaluate Endorse Turf Fungicide for the control and management of fairy ring. Endorse has recently achieved acclaim for use on basal and foliar anthracnose, along with brown patch, snow mold and other common turf diseases.

Although Endorse is not currently registered for fairy ring, Cleary believes that Endorse would have a beneficial effect on this disease because of its strong effects on other basidiomycetes. For more information, contact Richard Fletcher at 800-524-1662.