Erosion control blanket
Profile Products LLC introduces its new Futerra F4 Netless Erosion Control and Revegetation Blanket, which provides superior erosion control and seed germination without the netting that can entangle wildlife or maintenance equipment, the company says.

Unlike traditional erosion control blankets that incorporate nettings to provide strength for installation and performance demands, Futerra F4 Netless uses a refined thermal extrusion process that eliminates the need for netting. With two patented features and one patent pending, the new Futerra F4 Netless offers greater dimensional stability, weighs less and is easier to install than its netted predecessor.

For more information, contact 800-207-6457 or www.profileproducts.com.

Seashore paspalum
Turf-Seed will soon release Sea Spray, the industry’s first and only commercially available seeded variety of seashore paspalum. Seashore paspalum, which has high tolerance to heat and salt, has long been seen as a viable alternative to bermuda-grass, but the high costs of time and money to sprig and establish the variety has kept superintendents from selecting it for their golf courses, the company says. But now the ability to seed with Sea Spray will make seashore paspalum more affordable, easier and quicker to establish.

Trials held at the University of Hawaii show that Sea Spray gained 95 percent soil coverage after about five weeks, according to Turf-Seed.

For more information, contact 800-247-6910 or www.turf-seed.com.

Surfactant
Precision Laboratories introduces a blend of polymeric surfactants designed for in-line hose applications. Specially formulated to provide a rescue treatment for localized dry spot (LDS), EZ Tabs are packaged in a disposable container that eliminates the need for handling tablets. Used alone or in conjunction with a comprehensive water management program, each EZ Tab container covers about 12,000 to 18,000 square feet of turf and lasts up to 40 minutes in conventional in-line hose applicators.

For more information, contact 800-323-6280 or www.precisionlab.com.

Multipurpose insect control
The science of formulation gets much of the credit for the development of Allectus G, a new multipurpose insect control for turfgrass from Bayer Environmental Science. That development of Allectus — containing imidacloprid (Bayer’s Merit) and bifenthrin (FMCs Talstar) — was hailed as a breakthrough, in that it represents a product that controls turf pests both above and below the surface. These include all major white grub species, as well as pests such as billbug larvae, annual bluegrass weevil larvae, mole crickets, chinch bugs, sub-worms, sod webworms, fire ants and others.

“Customers asked us to develop a single-product solution to multiple pest problems. Allectus answers that request,” said Mike Ruizzo, business manager of neonicotinoids at Bayer.

One application provides eight to 12 weeks of residual control; two applications per season will provide season-long control.

For more information, contact www.bayerprocentral.com.

Insecticide
Azatrol EC Insecticide is PBI/Gordon’s azadirachtin insecticide formulated to provide broad-spectrum insect control with very low environmental impact. Azatrol provides all the benefits of azadirachtin, a proven natural antifeedant, insect growth regulator, anti-ovipository and repellent, as well as a toxin to soft-bodied insect larvae.

An application of Azatrol does not provide the quick knockdown of a contact poison. However, 21 days after treatment, insect control is comparable to the standards, the company says. Azatrol does not harm beneficial insect populations, including predator wasps and other predatory insects.

For more information, contact 800-821-7925 or www.pbigordon.com.

Mole control
Bell Laboratories offers Talpirid, a bait for mole control. The product's optimal size, shape and feel allows bait to be consumed in the same manner as its natural food. Each tray of 10 worms is sealed for freshness and maximum shelf life.

One worm contains a lethal dose. Special enhancers help ensure immediate attraction and acceptance. Talpirid is designed to degrade naturally, leaving no buildup of active ingredient in the soil. Under normal conditions degradation will happen in about 14 days.

For more information, contact 608-241-0202 or www.talpirid.com.

Fairway groomer
The Toro Co. has taken the concept of reel mower customization from the green to the fairway with its new Reelmaster Fairway Groomer attachment. It stands up turf and reduces grain for a cleaner, more-uniform cut, the company says. The enhanced quality of cut improves after-cut appearance and provides a truer, more consistent playing surface. The fairway groomer also knocks off morning dew to minimize grass clumping and helps with clipping dispersion. In addition, the groomer cuts some of the stolons and runners, enabling re-rooting and regenerative grass growth.

For more information, contact 952-888-8801 or www.toro.com/golf.

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