

Important Notice: Sod by the Square Foot

The Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario is pleased to announce that there will be one standard unit of measure for sod sold in Ontario. As of January 1, 2004, all sod sales in Ontario will be by the square foot.

Over the years, changes in harvesting equipment has led to different sized rolls, resulting in sod being sold by rolls (0.8 sq. m.), square yards, metres and a host of various dimension big rolls. Therefore, a uniform unit of measure, the square foot, will be easier to comprehend for both clients and end users. The square foot is the current standard adopted by the turfgrass sod industry across North America. It is also the standard unit of measure used throughout the building industry (tiles, concrete pavers, stonework, homes, industrial building spaces, etc.).

Implementing this change will make purchasing sod in Ontario an easier and more uniform process for all.

The Nursery Sod Growers Association of Ontario can be reached at 905-689-8845, www.nurserysodgrowers.com.



New AerWay® Distributor for Ontario
G.C. Duke Equipment is pleased to announce our appointment as the new AerWay® distributor for the Province of Ontario. Together with AerWay® we are pleased to introduce the new line of Groundhog three-point hitch and hydraulic tag-along aerators with their various tine designs to suit a wide variety of applications.

For additional information on how AerWay® can fill your sports field aeration needs, visit www.gcduke.com or contact Dick Raycroft, G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd., 1184 Plains Rd. East, Burlington, ON L7S 1W6, 1-800-883-0761 ext. 116, email: draycroft@gcduke.com.

Shaping the Future 1929-2004 STRI Celebrates 75 Years

Sports Turf Research Institute celebrates 75 years in the turfgrass industry this year. To mark this milestone, we are planning a program of events which will run throughout 2004.



All four issues of our *International Turfgrass Bulletin* magazine, along with the STRI's website www.stri.co.uk, will carry special features highlighting the key developments and major achievements in the industry from

1929 to present times, alongside regular editorial.

The October *Bulletin* will be increased in size to act as a commemorative record for the 75th anniversary. Over the years, STRI's unique position has enabled close ties to be formed with many eminent individuals and organizations throughout the turfgrass world. We will be inviting editorial from some of these key players for inclusion in this issue.

Congratulations from the Sports Turf Association!

Rittenhouse Introduces the New Lesco Ride-On Spreader Available with an Optional Sprayer

Reduce fatigue and increase production with the new hydrostatic drive Ride-On Spreader by Lesco. You can cover over 100,000 sq.ft. in production per hour. The Lesco Ride-On Spreader is user friendly – just squeeze handles for forward or reverse.

The unit comes with a 6 hp Kawasaki engine, fan cooled transmission, 125 lb. capacity hopper complete with cover. The deflector and third hole remote controls are incorporated and wide flotation tires prevent rutting. Application speed is a constant 3.5 mph.

This unit is very easy to operate and simple to maintain. The optional Rittenhouse sprayer includes a 9 US



gallon tank which will spray up to 30,000 sq.ft. It has a top quality 12-volt plunger pump with a fully adjustable regulator. The spray bar will provide a 60-inch spray width with large droplets to eliminate excess drift. The easy lift in/lift out design requires no tools. It comes complete with a rechargeable battery that provides 1.5 hours of continuous spray time. For more information, contact us at 1-800-461-1041 or visit www.rittenhouse.ca.

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