
UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

July 22 to 25, 1995. American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta Annual Conference. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Montreal Bonaventure Hilton. Theme: Diversity - Natural and Cultural, includes 42 conference sessions, 10 pre-conference work shops, and 8 study tours.

Contact: American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, 786 Church Road, Wayne, Pennsylvania, 19087. USA.
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July 26 to 28, 1995. TPI Summer Convention and Field Day. Omaha, Nebraska, USA. Red Lion Hotel and Todd Valley Farms. Encompasses equipment field day and tours.

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GOOSE REPELLENT

A number of you have written to me about additional information on a goose repellent mentioned in an earlier Turfax™. The material is an artificial grape flavoring known as methyl anthranilate, which is a naturally occurring chemical that gives the flavor to Concord grapes. Dr. Russ Mason of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Control Division has been working with the chemical for approximately 12 years as a safe repellent for birds. He states that methyl anthranilate has the same effect on birds as chili peppers have on humans in that it stimulates pain reflexes. It is anticipated that a product will be commercially available on the market in the not too distant future.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

Iowa Turfgrass Research Report.
Iowa State University. 98 pages. (1994).

Contains 37 reports of turfgrass research conducted at the Horticultural Research Station of Iowa State University. Topic headings include 8 papers on cool-season turfgrass species and cultivars, 8 papers on herbicide and growth regulators, 6 papers on diseases and insect control, 5 paper on fertilizers, and 8 papers on environmental quality issues.

Contact: Dr. Nick Christians, Department of Horticulture, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011, USA.

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Field Day 12 Proceedings Turf-Seed, Inc./Pure Seed Testing, Inc. 150 pages. (1994).

Consists of 19 reports of turfgrass breeding and evaluations for cultivars of such cool-season turfgrasses as Kentucky bluegrass, fine-leaved fescue, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, and creeping bentgrass. The report includes assessments in the hot-humid climate of North Carolina and winter-overseeding in Arizona; plus low-maintenance and shade studies. Finally, there are papers on wild flowers and summer patch disease control.

Contact: Dr. William A. Meyer, Pure Seed Testing, Inc., P.O. Box 250, Hubbard, Oregon 97032, USA.

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Name change:

The American Sod Producers Association or ASPA has changed names to Turfgrass Producers International or TPI.