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HSAF Eyes National

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Weeds and Turf magazine for the help you've given the Horticultural Spraymen's Association of Florida in the last year.

As you know, we have considered becoming a national trade association for the past two or three years, and this year we are making a beginning in this direction.

For this task, I've appointed one of our most dedicated members, Mr. Larry Nipp, American Power Spray Co., 3675 S.W. First St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., who is a past HSIF president. Larry has been authorized to call an organizational meeting for the purpose of drafting a charter for the national group.

I hope you will inform your readers throughout the United States about our intentions.

Ted Kaplan

President
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Quick-breaking Emulsions
Not Necessarily Cheap?

Congratulations on the growth of Weeds and Turf to a complete and separate publication. You have achieved this, in part at least, by recognizing articles which appeal to the "weed, turf, and tree" industry both in subject matter and in presentation.

The article "How Good Are the Formulations You Buy" by Frank L. Wilson (Jan. 64, p. 8) deserves much commendation. What Mr. Wilson says is very apt for much insect work, especially the chinch bug and sod webworm problems in lawns. I heartily endorse his statement, "The major contributing factor to poor quality formulations is price buying."

But I do question his attitude that quick-breaking emulsions are cheap, low-quality formulations. Some manufacturers and formulators make quality quick-breaking emulsifiable concentrates. In fruit spraying, for instance, a deposition of the pesticide at or close to the point of droplet impact retards loss due to runoff and gives longer residual action during rainy weather. When 2,4-D or 2,4,5-T quickly separates from the water carrier it can better penetrate the waxy leaf coating to enter the weed plant and be translocated within.

Philip H. Marvin
Insect and Weed Control Consultant
Manhattan, Kansas

We forward Mr. Marvin's letter to author Wilson who writes as follows:

You are quite correct in questioning that all quick-breaking emulsions are cheap, low-quality formulations. Certain formulations are designed to be quick-breaking. The choice of quick or slow breaking is dependent entirely on what one wishes to accomplish.

The article you refer to was written specifically for lawn sprayers. Many here in Florida were using poor-quality, quick-breaking formulations of parathion to treat home lawns for chinch bugs. Not only did this result in poor control, but it also caused heavy parathion residues upon the grass leaves, which we felt was a hazard to the public.

Frank L. Wilson
Entomologist
Florida State Board of Health
Jacksonville

Who Makes Lawn Dyes?

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