Sod Industry Mechanizations Debut at Rutgers, June 20-22

Three days of sod growing talks, equipment demonstrations, and field shows, including a sod problem clinic and a research tour, are scheduled at the Rutgers University, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science campus, New Brunswick, N. J., June 20-22. The program is sponsored by Rutgers in cooperation with the Cultivated Sod Association of New Jersey, Inc.

Arrangements for the events are under direction of Dr. Henry W. Indyk, Extension Specialist in Turfgrass Management, and CSANJ secretary.

Lawn and turfgrass products will be shown Monday, June 20. The newest and latest in all types of equipment for turf work and various products presently available for growing and maintaining attractive lawns and turfgrass areas will be exhibited.

Live exhibits of turfgrasses, weeds, insects and diseases are to be displayed. In addition, a clinic, staffed by a group of specialists, will stand ready to diagnose problems and answer questions.

The Turfgrass Research Field Day, usually conducted during August, will be held on June 21. Guided tours of the turfgrass research plots will be conducted periodically by the turfgrass research staff.

Turf Research Tour, June 22

Visitors will have opportunities to observe and discuss turfgrass research being conducted at Rutgers Wednesday morning, June 22. The tour of campus facilities is part of the all-day and evening Sod Producers Field Day. Particular emphasis will be placed on new turfgrass varieties in the breeding and selection program which constitutes a large segment of the research program at Rutgers.

Afternoon activities are to show mechanization advances in the production, cutting, and handling of sod. Featured will be field demonstrations of a land leveler, stone picker, soil fumigation, seeders, aerial and ground application of fertilizer, gang mowers, sod cutters, mechanical sod roller, palletization, and boom loaders. Plans include public demonstrations for the first time of the new and improved model of a self-propelled, hydraulically operated sod cutter, roller, palletizer combination developed by Princeton Turf Farms. Field demonstrations will be conducted on one