Turf, Sod Research To Be Reported at Mar. MSU Meet

Highlighting the 37th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference, March 15-16 at Michigan State University, will be reports on some of the latest turf and sod research findings. Experiments with different soils, fertility levels, and grass varieties, and six reports on “Turfgrass Pests and Pesticides” are on tap for the first day.

On Thursday, March 16, attention will turn to turfgrass maintenance, sod production, and economics, with featured talks to include “A Study of the Michigan Turfgrass Industry” and “MSU Sod Production Research,” by Dr. James Beard, Michigan State turf researcher; a discussion of current research in turf soils and nutrition, by Dr. Paul Rieke, MSU soil scientist; comments on turf fertilization-disease relationships, by Dr. Eliot Roberts, Iowa State University agronomist; and reports on disease control research in Rhode Island, by Dr. Noel Jackson, university of R.I. pathologist.

Trends in turfgrass production, sod marketing, and management tools for cutting costs are also among subjects due for discussion during the two-day meet. Interested turfmen can obtain further details from the Department of Information Services, Agriculture Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich. 48823.

Tours, Talks, Turf Gear Set for Fla. Trade Show

Research tours, management clinic and panels, exhibits, and field demonstrations of turf products and equipment have been scheduled for the 6th Annual Florida Turfgrass Trade Show, Apr. 27-29 at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood by the Sea, Fla.

Tours of research plots at Plantation Field Laboratory, conducted by Dr. Evert O. Burt, Associate Turf Technologist at the Lab, will open the Show. More than two dozen field demonstrations of new equipment and chemicals (plots are laid out in advance) will last through the afternoon at Plantation. Some 70 industry supplier exhibits and an expanded array of educational booths will then open. The April 28 Management Clinic will assist registrants in their business operations.

For full details, contact FTGA Executive Secretary, Walter Anderson, at 4065 University Boulevard North, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211.

Arborists Meeting in Tampa

Winter meeting of the National Arborist Association is being held at the International Inn, Tampa, Fla., Feb. 11-15. Business sessions occupy the first two days of the program, with a round of discussions scheduled for Feb. 13-15.

Arboriculture advances, a look at the future for utility men, and the national beautification effort lead off talks. Management techniques, systemic insecticides, records, and hidden costs are closing considerations of NAA members at this year’s annual winter gathering.