6) avoid treating bird habitat areas; and
7) try using "scarecrow" techniques.

Hummel, who still recommends diazinon, nevertheless sees a scary trend in the offing. "What we've got here is a dangerous precedent," he says of the diazinon review. "Everytime a pesticide is misused, is it going to come under EPA review and cancellation?"

GOLF

Golf: small number play most rounds

Only a small percentage of golfers account for the majority of rounds played in America.

A survey by the National Golf Foundation and Market Facts, a Chicago-based marketing research company, states that 25 percent of the nation's 17.5 million golfers account for 77 percent of all rounds played.

The research shows that eight percent of all Americans played golf at least once in 1985. The average golfer plays between eight and 24 rounds per year.

"This is the first definitive study of the American golfer," says NGF president David Hueber.

"The results so far have been startling. We will use our findings to shape our promotional efforts and to direct our resources in areas that will give us greatest yield."

Men are four times as likely to golf as women. The sport is most popular with 30- to 39-year-olds (10.4 percent) and ranks lowest among those under 20 (3.9 percent).

Wealthier people golf more frequently. The survey showed that households with an income greater than $40,000 are three times as likely (13.4 percent) to contain a golfer than households with income less than $20,000 (4.4 percent).

The study featured a nationally representative sample of 20,000 households. It is the largest survey conducted strictly for golf, says the NGF.

PESTICIDES

Dow reviews Dursban bird toxicity data

In the wake of the EPA's proposal to cancel diazinon insecticide applications on golf courses and sod farms, the Dow Chemical Co. has issued this statement about Dursban, another popular insecticide:

"Dursban poses no hazard to birds or..."