Tractor-drawn units aerate large areas

Two tractor-drawn aerators from Ryan offer a solution for aerating large turf areas like parks, athletic fields and fairways.

Designed principally for large, flat areas, the Tracaire can be used with coring, slicing or open spoon tines, which leave a coring pattern of 6x6 inches penetrating up to four inches deep. The Tracaire can be mounted on tractors with a category one 3-point hitch with 1,000-lb. lift capacity.

For rolling uneven turf areas, the Renovaire features independently-mounted tine wheel pairs that follow surface contours. Each pair of wheels also has a weight tray that holds up to 150 lbs. for more downward pressure. The Renovaire can also be equipped with coring, slicing or open spoon tines.

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Three herbicides added to industry's arsenal

The Specialty Products Group of Union Carbide Agricultural Products Co. has added three professional-use products: Weedone Ready-To-Use (RTU) brush and vine killer, Weedone Super D Pro amine herbicide, and Zectran 2E mexacarbate pesticide.

RTU is designed for controlling unwanted bushes, trees and vines around buildings, roughs, fences, rights-of-way, and other non-crop locations.

Super D Pro provides broadleaf weed control in ornamental turf areas such as golf courses and athletic fields.

Zectran 2E controls snails, slugs, aphids, and scales on ornamentals, flowers, shrubs, vines, trees, and turf.

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Ford doubles its commercial mower line

Three new commercial lawn mowers double Ford Tractor's selection. The models are the C38 Intermediate, the

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C24 High Wheel push-type and the C24SP High Wheel self-propelled.

The C38 has an 11 hp Briggs & Stratton four-cycle industrial/commercial engine with a five-speed heavy duty transaxle. It has a 38-inch full floating deck with anti-scalp rollers and skid bars.

The C24 and C24SP mowers both have 24-inch decks. They have 5 hp Briggs & Stratton industrial/commercial engines and are designed for rough, irregular terrain, slopes or sandy soil where smaller wheels are less effective.

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Portable lab for evaluating soils

LaMotte Chemical has introduced a test kit for on-site evaluations of turfgrass soils called the Turf Lab Model TL-1.

An improved colorimetric test method is used to achieve quantitative pH and phosphorus measurements. Using an Octa-Slide comparator, permanent translucent color standards are compared to clear liquid test samples for more accurate readings. The Turf Lab checks potassium levels by using a unique turbidity reading device.

Each kit includes reagents for 200 tests, a six-inch brass soil sampler, soil report forms, and a copy of the 60-page LaMotte Soil Handbook. All components fit into a rugged carrying case for dependable use in the field or lab.

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Chipco fungicide gets EPA approval

The EPA has given label approval to Chipco Aliette fungicide, a Rhone-Poulenc product.

The fungicide, which controls turfgrass pythium blight, features a systematic mode of action which pro-
vides both upward and downward movement within the plan. Chipco Aliette is applied as a foliar spray. Application calls for 4-8 ounces per 1000 sq. ft. at an interval of 14 to 21 days. Watering is not required following an application.

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Single-dial controller is for residential use

Irri-Trol Mfg. has introduced a new single-dial residential controller. The new Dial AB features solid-state logic and split-second reliability.

The controller has a 12-position function dial and bright fluorescent display.

Also featured is sequential station watering, a selectable 6- or 14-day clock, and an automatic safety back-up program. No keyboard is required for setting the controller.

The Dial AB is available in 5-, 7-, 11-, 14- and 16-station models.

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Many mower lines available from Alamo

Rotary, flail, and sicklebar mowers previously marketed individually by Terrain King, Mott, and Triumph are now sold nationwide by the Alamo Group, Seguin, Texas.

Alamo has a brochure detailing all available mowers, featuring the Mott Interstater, Terrain King Versa series, Triumph Hydro-Clipper, and others. Alamo says all are designed to solve specific maintenance problems encountered by people responsible for maintaining highway rights-of-way, airports, parks, and other public lands.

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