AgriBio Tech, Inc. has purchased E. F. Burlingham & Sons seed company. Dr. Johnny R. Thomas, CEO of AgriBio Tech, says the buy combines research, production and distribution to establish AgriBio Tech in the turfgrass sector of the green industry. “Ownership of Burlington germplasm should enhance AgriBio Tech’s negotiations for biotechnology access,” says Thomas. Burlington will continue to market its proprietary turf products through its traditional channels.

AquaMaster Fountains and Aerators of Kiel, Wisc., has established distributorships with the following U.S. and foreign companies: Kamex Industries, Inc., Seoul, Korea; Irritec Irrigation, Belmont, Western Australia; Mantag Irrigation Systems, New Delhi, India; Kilbpatic International Sales, Boynton Beach, Fla.; Globen Co., Ltd., Nagoya, Japan; and Landscape Li Chuan Corp., Taipei, Taiwan.

Cargill Salt has completed its purchase of Akzo Nobel Salt, Inc. The buy includes all of Akzo’s North American production, processing and marketing assets, including familiar brands such as Alberger; Diamond Crystal; Salt Sense; Champions Choice; Red*Out; and ResinGard. “We have increased our production capacity for all types of salt; rock, solar and evaporated,” says Charles Sullivan, president of Cargill’s Salt Division. Both companies have been suppliers of deicing salt to the green industry.

Morbark, headquartered in Winn, Mich., the largest manufacturer of wood chipping and solid waste grinding equipment, has bought GDS Screens, the largest maker of portable trommel screens. Loran Balvanz, CEO of USM Equipment, which owned GDS, will serve as a consultant.

Don Clark is marketing manager for Rain Bird Sales, Inc.’s Contractor Division. He oversees the strategic marketing communications activities of the Division, and manages the product planning staff.

Christopher R. Shadday is products manager for Rohm and Haas Company’s Turf and Ornamental Products business. Shadday contributes to the company’s marketing, business development and management programs for its turf and ornamental products.

Sostram Corporation’s Echo 720 Turf and Ornamental Fungicide has received EPA approval for use in California. The broad-spectrum, flowable, contact fungicide works on a wide variety of turfgrass and ornamental diseases.

The Toro Company will move the Toro Hardie Irrigation administration/distribution offices to Toro’s Riverside, Calif. irrigation headquarters. The move will begin in mid-June and is expected to be completed by the end of November. Also, all Toro irrigation valves will now be produced at the Toro Hardie El Paso, Texas manufacturing plant; irrigation products will be built at the Riverside site. LM