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Essential quality of this imported seed is not necessarily to be impugned. However, as far south as Kentucky it has not proved very durable in USDA comparison tests. It seems logical that domestic seed is better adapted to domestic conditions, since, for example, bluegrass that has survived in a certain region has the wherewithal to withstand local conditions.

There have been reports of weed inclusion in imported seed. Recently New York State declared annual bluegrass a “noxious weed”; this plant is almost invariably a component of imported seed, but is rarely found in natural bluegrass from our own Midwest.

There is no question that there would be national advantages if the industry did not have to fight importations so strongly. Under the present circumstances, not only is domestic production being partially obliterated, but prices are held unduly low so that future research and development are minimized because low profits forbid such luxuries.

What can we do?

Contract lawn maintenance firms can recommend varieties which are best suited for the areas in which they operate; these will more than likely be domestically produced varieties suited to the local climate. Turfgrass managers in other pursuits, such as golf course superintendents and highway supervisors, should consider the value of U.S.-produced, specially adapted, quality-controlled seed to induce healthy stands of grass with fewer weeds and less chance of loss.

And all of us as citizens would do well to comment to our congressmen that, under present regulations and conditions, the domestic lawn seed industry is not flourishing as it could and should.

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There is one adverse comment that Oscar Wyman’s (man on extreme right of picture, p. 34) title as cochairman was inadvertently omitted. He has been quite helpful in the conduct of past conferences, as a valued representative from industry, and we appreciate this and look for his continued support.

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