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MD. SOD CONFERENCE
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understand fashion. His discussion was extremely pertinent because of Michigan's recent sod market price collapse and their subsequent investigation into the possibility of stabilizing the market with sod marketing orders. Coddington said that a marketing order is a legal tool provided by the government for solving marketing problems. Its purpose is to improve returns to the growers through orderly marketing. Types of market orders would include quantity or quality regulations, market or production research, marketing statistics, regulations prohibiting unfair methods of competition and unfair trade practices or price posting by handlers to aid in stabilizing prices.

The last speaker for the conference was Kathryn D. Williams, Bowen & Diggs, Wheaton, Md. A lawyer in her own right, Ms. Williams discussed the basic elements of contracts for sale of sod and pointed out the weaknesses of oral contracts with their almost certain requirement for litigation. Her discussion of the Maryland code regulating sod sales with relationship to contracts was pertinent and raised many questions.

American Sod Producers Hold Meeting in Hawaii

Sod producers traveled by charter flight from various areas of the United States mainland and Canada to Hawaii for the winter meeting of the American Sod Producers Association. About 200 attended the eight-day trip, including sod producers, suppliers, wives and children. The late-winter meeting provided an opportunity to enjoy the unlimited natural beauty of Hawaii as well as attend exceptionally well-rated educational sessions.

Kauai and Maui islands were selected as the sites for the ASPA activities. These islands exhibit unlimited natural beauty and quietness as contrasted to other areas of intensified development.

The educational sessions were planned as seminar sessions on the business rather than technical aspects of sod production. Dr. James Longstreet, chairman of the finance department, College of Business Administration of the University of South Florida, presented two one-half day seminars on the topic of financial management. His presentations were filled with a constant flow of valuable and useful information for the successful management of sod operations.

In addition, Dr. Longstreet conducted two roundtable discussions that proved to be most helpful in answering questions raised by sod producers attending the seminar sessions. Frequently, specific questions lead to lengthy discussions on certain aspects of financial management as to how it relates to sod production.

During a third seminar session,
attention was focused on the topic of "General Tax Planning For Sod Producers." Richard Thomas, relayed information on various aspects of taxes, ranging from income tax through estate planning. He is a partner in the nationally known accounting firm of Arthur Anderson of Houston, Texas.

Recognizing the need for better business management in the sod industry, ASPA purposely selected talented speakers with the capabilities exhibited by Dr. Longstreet and Mr. Thomas. Educational seminars of this nature, as well as making available the ASPA Accounting Manual, represent association activities to help sod producers become better business managers for more profitable sod production.

**Wye Institute Research**  
**Studies Turfgrass Problems**

The University of Maryland's agricultural experiment station, in cooperation with the Wye Institute, is conducting three separate studies in turfgrass management on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

These studies will provide useful information on growing high-quality lawns, according to Dr. John R. Hall, project leader, who is an assistant professor of agronomy at the university's College Park campus.

Over 100 types of Kentucky bluegrass are being studied in the variety trial project. Sixty-four are individual varieties and 36 are mixtures of two or more varieties.

Separate plots are being observed for quality, density, color, disease resistance, seedling vigor and persistence. Ratings are taken on the plots from April until November in order to follow their performance throughout the growing season.

The variety trial project was started in the fall of 1972 and will continue for an indefinite period. It is hoped that a variety adaptable to the Eastern Shore region will result from these tests.

The second project involves variety trials of grasses in shaded areas. There are 32 varieties being tested. These are mainly creeping red fescues, Kentucky 31 tall fescue, and Warrens A34 bluegrass and perennial ryegrass.

One of the major factors being looked at in this project is the persistence of each of the varieties. Some of the grasses on the market now last only four to five years, according to Dr. Hall. When this experiment is finished, homeowners can plant the variety recommended, knowing it will persist.

Common Bermudagrass is a nuisance invader of lawns on the Eastern Shore. The third experiment that Dr. Hall is running is aimed at eradicating common Bermudagrass from established bluegrass turf. The chemical, siduron (Tupersan), is being used in the study.

Bluegrass plots that have become infested with Bermudagrass at the Wye Institute are being used in the study. Various rates and times of application of Tupersan are being studied.

The eradication experiment was started in the spring of 1972. At present, Dr. Hall is pleased with the results of the chemical in his fall evaluation.

With experiments and studies being conducted at the Wye Institute, the Maryland agricultural experiment station hopes to improve the quality of life for the people of the Eastern Shore. These projects are only one means of accomplishing that goal.

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Spraying Is The Answer

Silver maple tree leaves covered with small red, green and black bumps are the result of maple blad-
der galls, says Donald L. Schuder, Purdue University extension ento-
mologist.

Better spray now to prevent their recurrence, he advises. These ab-
normal growths are caused by small microscopic mites which feed on
the foliage. Mite-feeding stimulates plant cells in such a manner that
they form galls which serve to pro-
tect the mites.

The wart-like growths may occur singly or in clusters. They may be-
come abundant enough to cause the foliage to appear gnarled and de-
formed. But even so, they seldom
cause enough damage to affect the
vigor of the tree, says Schuder.

Galls may be prevented by tree
spraying just before bud break. Spraying at this time destroys the
mites which overwinter in the
cracks and crevices of the tree’s
bark. Spraying must be done, how-
ever, before new leaves are formed,
or the mites will feed and galls de-
velop.

The entomologist recommends applic-
ation of one quart of either mal-
athon or lindane emulsion concen-
trate per 100 gallons water. Dormant
sprays of a superior oil or liquid lime sulfur are also effective.

Pesticide Applicators
Train For Safe Chemical Use

Tightening of regulations on pes-
ticide use in Ohio has intensified educational training programs and
licensing needs for pesticide appli-
cators in the state. A series of six
applicator’s schools have been com-
pleted across the state with over
1,000 licensed applicators, operators, and other interested persons attend-
ing, says John Oren, associate state
leader, agricultural industry, Ohio State University.

The continuing program, consist-
ing of education, examination, and
licensing, is a joint effort of the
Division of Plant Industry, Ohio De-
partment of Agriculture and the Co-
operative Extension Service. Train-
ing schools annually incorporate
latest changes and recommendations
in chemicals and their use and re-
vised or added federal requirements.
According to Oren Spilker, spe-
cialist in charge of pesticide regula-
tions for the Ohio Department of
Agriculture, 938 applicants took ex-
aminations at this year’s meetings
with the hope of becoming licensed
applicators and operators.

To date, the Ohio Department of
Agriculture has issued 938 applic-
ators licenses; 933 operators li-
censes; 557 public operators licenses;
and 575 licenses for pesticide deal-
ers, Spilker adds. Another 2,226
users permits have been issued to
users of restricted pesticide, he says.

Educational sessions cover latest
recommended chemicals and their
safe use in field crops, turf and or-
amentals, vegetables, and indus-
trial, aquatic and commercial vector
control, according to John Oren.
Schools are designed for both com-
mercial and public operators as well
as applicators of chemicals on a
private use basis.

In line with the applicator schools,
extension personnel have put to-
gether an Ohio Pest Control Hand-
book which is distributed to appli-
cators, operators and other users of
chemicals through the Ohio Depart-
ment of Agriculture. The handbook
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mixing herbicide and chemical in a mixing tank, a metering-mixing device is located on the suction side of the pump. This measures concentrated herbicide thru a metering disc and mixes it with water drawn from overboard. The opening in the metering disc has been sized and the pump calibrated to apply a one-half percent, by weight, solution of 2,4-D amine. This is applied to water hyacinths at the rate of 2 to 4 pounds of the active ingredient per acre of vegetation.

The present status of our aquatic plant control program is as follows: Water hyacinths have been cleared from most of the principal waterways in Louisiana. But because of reinfestation occurring from seed germination and reintroduction from inaccessible areas, retreatment two to three times each year are required. Alligatorweed quantities have been reduced significantly during the last two years as a result of several adverse factors affecting this plant. These include: feeding damage by the alligatorweed flea beetle; a combined effect of beetle feeding and 2,4-D application; and, improved growth competition from water hyacinths.

Submersed weed problems from a number of species are increasing in many of the waters of the state as a result of increased light penetration that occurs after removal of surface vegetation. To combat this, the Corps of Engineers is funding research at the University of Southwestern Louisiana for the control of Egeria densa, and at Northwestern State University of Louisiana for a study of Cabomba.

Another facet of Corps of Engineers research in Louisiana is field testing of a laser system for control of water hyacinths. In October 1972, the Corps of Engineers waterways experiment station ran preliminary testing of the laser system in a field location in southeast Louisiana to determine any operational problems connected with the field use of the laser system. In the spring and summer of 1973, additional field treatment of water hyacinths will begin and effects of these treatments on the plants will be determined.

Distributor Advisory Board Formed By Bolens Div., FMC

A distributor advisory board which will assist in retail marketing strategy has been formed by Bolens Division of FMC Corp., Port Washington, Wis.

The distributor board, composed of eight representatives, will aid Bolens in its planning, product development, pricing and other related areas, according to Charles F. Bartlett, Bolens general sales/marketing manager.

Serving on the council are Ralph Jenkins, vice president and general manager, Stull Equipment Co., Chester, Pa.; Richard Miller, division manager, Hayward Distributing Co., Columbus, Ohio; Jack Peart, sales manager, Farmers Supply and Equipment, Brampton, Ontario, Canada; Carey Sellers, dealer sales manager, E. J. Smith & Sons, Charlotte, N.C.


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Natural Aquatic Conditions Simulated By EPA

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency put into operation in March a unique $1 million environmental simulator that is expected to provide scientists with a significant new tool for studying the movement, fate and impact of pollution on rivers.

Known as "AEcoS," which is short for Aquatic Ecosystem Simulator, the facility will bridge the gap between laboratory experiments and uncontrolled field studies.

AEcoS is the result of 10 years of research, design, and construction by the National Pollutants Fate Research Program at EPA's Southeast Environmental Research Laboratory (SERL) in Athens, Georgia, which will operate the new facility. The simulator will be dedicated March 7 at Athens, in ceremonies attended by congressmen, EPA, State and local officials.

The concept of Dr. Walter M. Sanders, who heads the pollutants fate research at SERL, AEcoS is a channel of water housed in an environmental chamber controlled and monitored by a computer system. Computerization will permit researchers to maintain precise controls over light quality and intensity, air and water temperature, humidity, and water quality.

Cutrine Granular Algaecide Registered By EPA

Applied Biochemists, Inc., has been granted registration by the Environmental Protection Agency for Cutrine Granular, a copper complex algaecide, to control chara, nitella and other forms of bottom-growing algae.

The product is simply a granular form of Cutrine which is registered for use in potable water reservoirs; fish, fire and farm ponds; lakes and fish hatcheries. Cutrine Granular drops rapidly to the bottom and then releases the copper ions directly around and onto the algae.

Chara particularly is difficult to control with liquid algaecides. It is a hardy plant, most often encrusted with lime, thus the common name of "stonewart." By applying Cutrine Granular, the active ingredient can be put in direct contact with the plant.

Cutrine Granular is applied at the rate of 100 pounds per surface acre of water to be treated, and can be dispersed by using a dry spreader or by hand. The material will also be effective against filamentous algae at the time the plant is developing at the water bottom.

New Distributor Added By Kohler Co.

Kohler Co. has appointed one new engine central distributor and has assigned additional area to a second distributor.

The new engine distributor is Charlie C. Jones, Inc., Battery & Electric Company, Phoenix, Arizona, who will be responsible for Kohler engine sales and service throughout Arizona. Cecil Mentzer is president of the firm.

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Work crews from the Lower Tule Irrigation District remove alligatorweed with a backhoe. Mats of the weed become so thick that water cannot flow along the ditches.

**ALLIGATORWEED ERADICATION PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION** (from page 52)

ment whereby funds from three areas are used to subsidize our eradication program. The state-county agreement provides $7,000; the Los Angeles County Flood Control has budgeted over $50,000; and, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District has been asked for $13,000 and is cooperating in the control efforts.

Our program objectives are: 1. to remove the foliar mats of alligatorweed by use of foliar sprays or by hand. Each node in the stem is a reproductive part which can infest or re-infest if care is not taken in normal removal procedures. 2. to kill the perennial root structure of the plants.

Through these objectives we have been able to appreciably diminish the original 40 acres of alligatorweed mat. This has been aided somewhat by the removal of 800,000 tons of soil under quarantine restrictions that have accumulated over several years of silt deposit. Though large quantities of alligatorweed roots remain in the area, the working agencies have prevented reestablishment of the previous mat. They have also attempted to maintain general vegetation control in an effort to chip away at the rootstock of alligatorweed.

It should be pointed out that general vegetation control in the entire infested area is a constant battle. Ample sub-surface water or occasional inundations bring forth a variety of brush species and broadleaf and grassy annuals and perennials. Yet it is needed in order to more quickly identify and control alligatorweed.

As the downstream reinfestation potential is reduced by our eradication efforts behind the dam, we expect to begin eradicative work on the infestations in the spreading grounds. Then too, we will pay closer attention to alligatorweed growing in the cracks of the concrete river bottom.

Our program will lead to success. This is evidenced by the excellent eradication program in Tulare county. Perhaps of more importance is the awareness we've created of a specific weed problem and the potential threat it harbors to agriculture and recreational fresh waters in California. Agencies, departments, individual citizens and others have expressed genuine concern and cooperated in making the eradication program for this tri-county area work.

We recognize that as we make progress the workload becomes bigger. Spraying big mats is easy. Finding isolated surviving plants, hidden in a jungle of other vegetation requires hours of intensive search by dedicated men. It is this dedication that is the foundations for a successful alligatorweed eradication program. ■