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Nursery firms will be facing questions this year as to the availability of Federal income tax casualty loss deductions, due to the recent cold winter conditions in the North and East and continuing drought in the West. The American Association of Nurserymen's legal counsel offers this advice:

The IRS take the position that damage caused by drought cannot be deductible casualty loss, since it does not occur suddenly. Nevertheless, some courts have allowed such deductions, and taxpayers may wish to seek legal or accounting advice on their allowability in appropriate cases.

The IRS does not recognize that plant damage caused by freezing conditions can be a deductible casualty loss, where the freeze is unusual. This depends on normal condition in the particular area.

The amount of allowable deduction differs depending on whether the damaged property is inventory property or is customer property. In the case of customer property, it differs further depending on whether the property is used in a business or represents landscaping of a home or other non-business property.

Inventory losses not covered by insurance do not generate a casualty loss deduction because they will automatically result in a greater deduction for cost of goods sold.

When covered by insurance, inventory losses may either be reflected in cost of goods sold based on closing inventory, with inclusion of the insurance recovery as gross income; or alternately, the taxpayer may ignore the insurance recovery and remove the loss from the cost of goods sold.

In the case of landscaping on a customer's business premises, the taxpayer may claim a loss based on the "before" and "after" value of the damaged plants, but the loss may not exceed the adjusted basis (depreciated cost.)

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UPDATE: OSU Pythium blight research

For the past three years research has been under way on Pythium blight in the department of plant pathology at Ohio State, primarily through graduate student research. Dr. John L. Saladini completed his doctoral studies under the direction of Drs. P. O. Larsen and A. F. Schmitthenner on various aspects of this disease.

He surveyed approximately 50 Ohio golf courses for the presence of Pythium spp. in 1974 and 1975. At least 16 different species of Pythium were isolated, only three of which proved capable of causing disease. This observation suggests the need for proper identification of isolated Pythium fungi, since many of them are simply soil residents and usually do not cause disease.

Pythium aphanidermatum is the primary species associated with Pythium blight on courses sampled. Pythium ultimum, previously thought to be an important causal organism was never isolated. Pythium graminicola was occasionally isolated and suggested the possibility of a root rot type of Pythium disease typical of symptoms caused by this organism on other nonturfgrass plants. Laboratory and greenhouse investigations supported this hypothesis. When roots of Penn-lawn red fescue were inoculated with P. graminicola, severe root rot and subsequent foliar death occurred.

Tom Hall, another graduate student working with Larsen and Schmitthenner, will soon complete a study in which he is critically following the development of Pythium blight on golf course sites having an extensive history of Pythium blight. He has been sampling roots, shoots, thatch and soil from these sites and is correlating presence of Pythium with temperature and relative humidity to learn more about the effects of environment on the disease outbreaks to enable turfgrass managers to forecast the incidence of Pythium blight. This type of disease forecast may enable a golf course superintendent to apply fungicides early enough to avoid any damage from this explosive disease or to avoid unnecessary and expensive applications of fungicides when they are not needed.

Fungicidal control studies in field and laboratory are also under way concerning Pythium blight. Dr. Larsen is in charge of this program. Prepared by P.O. Larsen, associate professor, OSU department of plant pathology, and Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center.

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