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As we began to review that history, we found that the people in the forefront of those developments were determined, well-focused in their efforts, and fully aware of the potential for the industry to grow. It’s very likely what they felt during the initial days of the automobile or fast-food industries. Opportunity, discovery, new ideas; a vast wilderness just waiting to be charted and peopled.

The changes were gradual, both in the way the industry did its thing and the way this magazine presented news and feature stories. Agricultural techniques and products were modified and applied to the growing specialty market. Science picked up speed as the years went by, and galloped into the 80s with growth regulators and vastly improved control products to replace some of the much-besieged old standby products.

Associations such as ALCA and PLCAA were formed to serve the educational/professional needs of service providers, and as a bonus perk, manufacturers were directed to a target audience for products. Publishing advancements gave Weeds, Trees & Turf, spin-off pub Lawn Care Industry and Landscape Management more verve and splash. (Finally, turfgrass photos in living color!)

We’re thankful for the chance to have been there for our readers and advertisers the whole way. From the first days of Weeds, Trees & Turf, our mission has been to give you a combination of useful information, current news and technical articles that will help you run your business, golf course operation or athletic field crew better, safer, more efficient and more profitably.

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**Will pesticides harm horses' tummies?**

Our company maintains a 60-acre equestrian complex. The manager of the complex insists that all landscape chemicals are harmful to a horse's digestive system, and therefore none can be used. We have to trim miles of fence mechanically. Gravel drives are ill-defined due to weed and grass encroachment. Can you suggest any "horse safe" herbicides, insecticides and fertilizers?

—SOUTH CAROLINA

To manage the weeds, consider the following options. Based on the reports and literature in the scientific community, I disagree with your complex manager's statement that "all landscape chemicals are harmful to a horse's digestive system."

There are a number of products that can be used in pasture areas. The following information is my opinion. Please refer to the specific product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets before using.

One herbicide you may want to use is Scythe. This can be used around fence rows or gravel drives. Scythe is a fatty acid chemistry herbicide. It is a soap-based, non-selective herbicide. Scythe is quick acting, and the treated vegetation will discolor within a couple of hours. Do not walk on treated areas. If Scythe gets on your shoes, it will affect the areas in which you walk. Make sure to provide good coverage of the target vegetation to be managed. The drawback with this product is that it will manage only those plants or plant parts it comes in contact with. Also, some weeds may resprout after a few days. Repeat applications may be needed.

For a traditional herbicide program, consider using non-selective herbicide products such as Roundup or Finale. These postemergent herbicides can help manage whatever weeds are present at the time of treatment. Repeat applications may be needed to help manage some of the weeds. After treatments are made, be careful not to track the product to other areas.

For selective management of broadleaf weeds in pasture areas, your best option is to use a postemergent herbicide called Remedy. DowElanco representatives indicated that this product is registered in South Carolina for treating weeds in pasture areas. Its active ingredient is Trichlopyr. The same active ingredient is in other herbicides, such as Garlon and Confront, which you may be familiar with.

Regarding your "horse safe" products, know this: most pesticides are put through more than 100 tests to determine possible risks to plants and animals. These products must also be evaluated further by university scientists and other private practitioners. Generally, it may take seven to more than 10 years to register and approve use of a pesticide. For further details, contact the manufacturing companies.

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—MINNESOTA

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