The "hole" story on aerating

BY CURT HARLER / CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

ABSOLUTE EQUIPMENT
248/684-5442
www.superake.micronpcweb.com

The Superake from Absolute Equipment, Milford, MI, screens soil up to 4-in. deep. It removes rocks from 1/2-in. to 7 in. at the same time it screens and does finish grading. It can prep up to five acres a day, passing across the soil, with the automatic hydraulic shaking action screening soil.

Circle #258

BLUEBIRD
303/288-5880
www.bluebirdintl.com

The 530 Aerator from Bluebird, Denver, CO, is one of three units with free-wheeling outer tines. The 530 gives up to 19 in. of aeration and up to 3-in. core depth. Other features include folding handle and removable side weights.

Circle #259

BOBCAT CO.
701/241-8740
info@bobcat.com

The PTX3 model of the PowerTilt from Bobcat, West Fargo, ND, allows 178 degrees of side-to-side rotation and is approved for use on the Bobcat 325, 328, 331 and 334 excavators. The PTX4 offers 180 degrees rotation and is designed for the larger 337 and 341.

Circle #260

JOHN DEERE
www.deere.com

John Deere's 40-in. aerator/spreader, intended for lighter duty behind a riding tractor, has 132 steel tips, capable of 2-in. depth while seeding or spreading lime. For bigger jobs, check out the 42-in. hydraulic tiller. Unit is suitable for commercial applications.

Circle #261

ENCORE
402/228-4255

The Power-Plug is a lightweight, walk-behind aerator for commercial duty jobs. From Encore, Beatrice, NB, it has no add-on weights or water drums. Instead, aerating tines are driven with machine action. Unit has 30-in. aerating width to depth of 2.75 in. Unit is powered with 5.5 hp Briggs & Stratton Intek V/C.

Circle #262

FINN CORP.
800/543-7166
www.finncorp.com

Both a box rake and a tiller/rotary hoe attach to the Finn Eagle com-

Buying tips

➤ Buy a good machine from a reputable dealer
➤ Don't waste time checking hole patterns
➤ Look at ease of operation
A trio of landscape rakes can be fitted to New Holland's Boomer series tractors.

A pact skid steer loader from Finn Corp., Fairfield, OH. The box rake is ideal for surface prep and rock removal, as well as turf renovation and overseeding. The company's tiller turns soil to a depth of 10 in. in a path 40 in. wide.

FIRST PRODUCTS
800/363-6780
www.1stproducts.com
The AE-40E from First Products, Inc., the Tifton, GA-based manufacturer of the AERA-vator, boasts increased power from an 11-hp Honda engine. Unit has electro/hydraulic lift system and a rubber transport roller for smooth operation.

HARLEY
800/437-9779
www.glenmac.com
The Harley Pro.6 and Pro.8 Power Landscape Rakes pulverize, level and windrow rock. Made by Glenmac, Inc., Jamestown, ND, the system consists of two power-rotated steel rollers mounted above each other and angled to the ground. Clockwise rotating 6-in. bottom roller has 3/4-in. welded steel bars. Models have widths of 6, 8 and 12 ft. and require 18 to 50 hp 540-pto tractors.

HUSQVARNA
704/597-5000
www.husqvarna.com
The Husqvarna Power Rake is tough on thatch but easy on grass. Staggered tine placement provides maximum ground coverage by 24 standard rake spring tines integrated into a rubber mounting. This prevents damage to sprinkler heads. Made in Charlotte, NC, this unit's 10-in. rear wheels make it easy to maneuver.

MTD PRO
330/273-4550
www.mtdpro.com
Prepare soil and seed and rake at one time with the OS820 Over-Seeder from MTD Pro, Cleveland, OH. Machine is powered by an 8-hp Kawasaki OHV engine and hydraulic drive with rear axle differential. There are 40 steel slicer blades with 2-in. spacing. Unit seeds a 20-in. width with manual depth control from 0 to 1.25 in.

NEW HOLLAND
717/355-1121
www.newholland.com
A trio of landscape rakes can be fitted to any of the Boomer series tractors from New Holland, New Holland, PA. The 760A is a 48-in. model, and the 760A is a 72-in. unit. Attach box scrapers, available in 48-, 54-, 60- and 72-in. widths; a 60- or 78-in. front blade; or the 706 rear scoop.

PLANETAIR TURF PRODUCTS
877/800-8845
www.planetairproducts.com
Planetary action of the PlanetAir allows operator to go from 2-in. to 6-in. spacing by changing tractor speed while in motion. Made in Owatonna, MN with hardened sprockets, O-ring sealed chains on 1/4-in. steel framing, the unit's tine design and action penetrate to 4 in. Coring, soil-relieving and slicing tines are available.

POWER TRAC
800/THE-YARD
www.power-trac.com
PowerTrac's 22-hp or 25-hp PT400 series articulated tractor and 19-ft. trailer come with 10 attachments. These include 5- and 10-cu. ft. buckets, 30-in. forks, 18-in. stump cutter, 3-ft. trencher, planter drill head with 9- and 18-in. augers, 48-in. tiller and a 48-in. boom for lifting trees. If that's not enough, you can add a grapple bucket, box blade and 48- or 60-in. mower deck.

ROTADAIRON
570/602-3050
New in June is the RD 150 RotaDairon multi-purpose soil renovator for tractors. Dedicated to all tractors with conventional 3-pt. hitch, pto and 45 to 60 hp, it has a working width of 60 in. and tills to 6.3 in.

SIMPPLICITY MFGR.
262/284-8706
www.simplicitymfg.com
Simplicity Manufacturing offers three models of walk-behind rear tine tillers rated at 5.5, 6.8 and 8 hp. The 8-hp 821RT has two forward and two reverse speeds and tills a 21-in. swath 8 in. deep. The 6.5-hp 6516RT tills 16 in. wide and 10 in. deep. The smallest unit has one forward and one reverse speed. It tills 16 in. wide 7 in. deep.
The Multislit from Sisis, Sandy Springs, SC, is 53-in. wide, and each plate is fitted with five tines offering 6- to 8-in. penetration. The larger Megaslit is 98 in. wide and penetrates 9 to 12 in. deep.

Circle #274

The Quadivator from Swisher, Warrensburg, MO, serves as a box scraper/leveler, rake, cultivator, tandem disc, plow, lawn roller, lawn irrigation plow, aerator or chemical applicator.

Circle #275

TERRACARE
608/429-3402
www.terracareproducts.com

Terracare's T-36 is 8-ft., 2-in. long, weighs 1,000 lbs., and has an aerating width of 36 in. The T-60 aerates to 60 in. and weighs 1,400 lbs. Both units have 5x5/8-in. open tines, mounted 12 per disc with 16 discs per unit.

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Circle #276

TORO CO.
800/525-0059
www.toro.com

ToroCore aerators from Toro, Bloomington, MN, come in three model sizes: 40, 60 and 80 in. Floating turf holders keep turf secure as tine is withdrawn.

Circle #277

TURF-R-ATOR
262/639-2516

The Turf-R-Ator line from Turf-R-Ator, Racine, WI, is built around a 54x27.5-in. frame. There are nine 1/4-in. solid slicing wheels, each 22 in. in diameter with eight points that cut on 6-in. spacing. Unit rides on 17.5x9-in. tires.

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Lil’ sprouts
What is the best way to selectively get rid of sprouts growing at the base of crabapple trees?
— MI

Sprouts growing at the base of trees present a serious aesthetic problem in many landscape ornamental plants. Crabapples in particular often have this problem.

One of the best ways to manage them is to prune them. This method is time-consuming and labor intensive, but there aren’t many other practical solutions to the problem if you want to get rid of them quickly.

Another option is to use an herbicide such as Krenite, which kills buds at the base of foliage. Apply it on unwanted sprout growth late in the growing season when all the leaves are produced. For better results, apply between the time the plants’ leaves mature and the time the leaves drop.

Make sure you have the proper pesticide license to use this product. Read and follow label specifications for best results.

Gypsy moths, again
The Gypsy moth problem is increasing every year in our area. We should have used Bt when the caterpillars were young and small. Now, they’re large, and we’re wondering what kind of insecticide would give us good results?
— OH

The Gypsy moth problem is slowly spreading from the eastern part of the U.S. westward. Recently, northeast Ohio has been experiencing the problem.

Bt and Conserve insecticides do an excellent job of managing small and young caterpillars during the first and second instar stage. However, as the caterpillars get older and larger, reports indicate that other products such as Sevin or Talstar work best.

Gypsy moth larvae (caterpillars) produce silken threads from trees and hang down or balloon. They spread from place to place by wind or storms. Through the ballooning method, they can enter a property after it has been treated with insecticides and cause feeding damage. Therefore, monitor the treated properties for reinfestation and retreat as needed. Read and follow label specifications for best results.

Mysterious leaf twisting
On a client’s property, as well as nearby properties, a number of deciduous trees’ leaves are cupping. We suspected herbicide injury, but there is no evidence of any herbicides applied to the lawn. However, there is a farm nearby. We think a herbicide or some other material applied there might have spread and caused the problem. Is this possible?
— IL

The problem is most likely caused by a volatile product coming from the nearby field. These volatile compounds could be related to some herbicides or ammonia-type fertilizers.

Volatile compounds in herbicides can migrate from a source like a farm to nearby locations, causing leaf twisting and curling distortion. This is often acute following an application and normally doesn’t persist for too long. Therefore, only the exposed new growth shows leaf distortion. Subsequent new growth may not show any adverse growth distortion. However, if future growth also shows problems, study the farm site and their operational practices. Affected plant portions can be pruned or left as is. Since deciduous trees lose leaves in the fall, the new growth won’t display the problem unless similar contamination occurs next year.

Right time to treat?
Since Merit insecticide is a systemic product, we would like to use it to manage many general pests in the landscape. Our question is, should we treat suspect trees in the fall or in the spring?
— WI

Since it isn’t clear what target insect pests you’re trying to manage, I will base my answer on the label recommendations for specific pests. In my opinion, most Merit insecticide soil treatments are provided in the fall. This treatment is good for managing those pests that become active before June. Spring treatments should help manage pests that would become active after June.

Remember to irrigate the soil to move the product to the root zone. Irrigation will improve root absorption and translocation of Merit to the leaves. Otherwise, results may vary.

Before implementing this approach on a large scale, try it in a small area to learn more about its feasibility.

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2. Which of the following best describes your title? (fill in ONE only)
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   ○ Government Official - Government Commissioner, Agent, Other Government Official
   ○ Specialist - Forester, Consultant, Agronomist, Pilot, Instructor, Researcher, Horticulturist, Certified Specialist
   ○ Other Titled and Non-Titled Personnel (please specify)

3. SERVICES PERFORMED (fill in ALL that apply)
   ○ Mowing
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   ○ Tree Care
   ○ Ornamental Care
   ○ Landscape Installation
   ○ Irrigation Services
   ○ Turf Weed Control
   ○ Snow Removal
   ○ Paving, Deck & Patio Installation
   ○ Pond/Lake Care
   ○ Ornamental Care
   ○ Landscape Installation
   ○ Aeration
   ○ Landscape Design
   ○ Snow Removal Equipment
   ○ Turf Weed Control
   ○ Irrigation Services
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4a. Do you specify, purchase or influence the selection of landscape products?
   ○ Yes ○ no

4b. If yes, indicate which products you buy or specify: (fill in ALL that apply)
   ○ Aeration
   ○ Blowers
   ○ Chipper-Shredders
   ○ De-icers
   ○ Fertilizers
   ○ Fungicides
   ○ Herbicides
   ○ Insecticides
   ○ Line Trimmers
   ○ Mowers
   ○ Snow Removal Equipment
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   ○ Spreaders
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The new Toro Dingo TX 425 wide track compact utility loader is powered by a 25-hp air-cooled Kohler Command Pro Series engine and offers more than 35 quick-change attachments. Other features include a four-pump, independent hydraulic suspension and dedicated auxiliary hydraulic circuit that provides 11.2 gpm of flow at 3,000 psi of hydraulic power. Its dedicated track drive features dual Kevlar reinforced rubber tracks that offers full ground engagement with only 3.4 psi of ground pressure.

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