

Labels warn of danger

THE Ministry of Agriculture has announced, following the recommendations of the advisory committee on pesticides to ministers, a series of restrictions on the way in which herbicides containing loxynil and bromoxynil may be used.

The changed conditions of approval are intended to reduce the potential of exposure to spray operators who do not wear appropriate clothing, to reduce

the risk of residues in food and to warn of dangers to fish.

In the professional amenity area the key change relates to use of hand-held and knapsack sprayers. This is now prohibited, and although use through powered sprayers is permitted, the minimum dilution rates stated on labels must be adhered to.

May & Baker are issuing labels to their main distributors to be placed on existing stocks of Iotox & Actrilawn 10.

"JUMBO" hollow coring tines have been satisfactorily tested on the SISIS Hydrocore and the SISIS Auto-Turfman and have now been added to the range.

This larger bore tine provides two functions in combatting some of the problems associated with fine turf. Firstly the larger hole produced allows more effective use of top dressings. Secondly, when used at a controlled shallow depth they remove a good sized "plug" of thatch.

Maxicrop's foliar sprays subject of special video

ASTUTE action by Maxicrop International in anticipation of the unusual climatic conditions and problems presently besetting farmers, horticulturalists and groundsmen, has resulted in a dramatic increase in demand for Maxicrop foliar sprays.

On the one hand, growing conditions have been such that shallow rooting has occurred and, on the other, excessive

rain has resulted in much of the nitrates being washed down too deep for perennial plants to benefit - a situation which could spell disaster, especially if, as history suggests, it is followed by a period of drought.

One answer in all three market places is to foliar spray Maxicrop at the same time as the fertilizer to help promote rapid root development and increased intake of nutrients.

The company has produced a special merchants video that explains exactly how Maxicrop encourages the development of roots and, as demonstrated by trial results, more efficient use of fertilizer to achieve the same or even better returns even under stress conditions.

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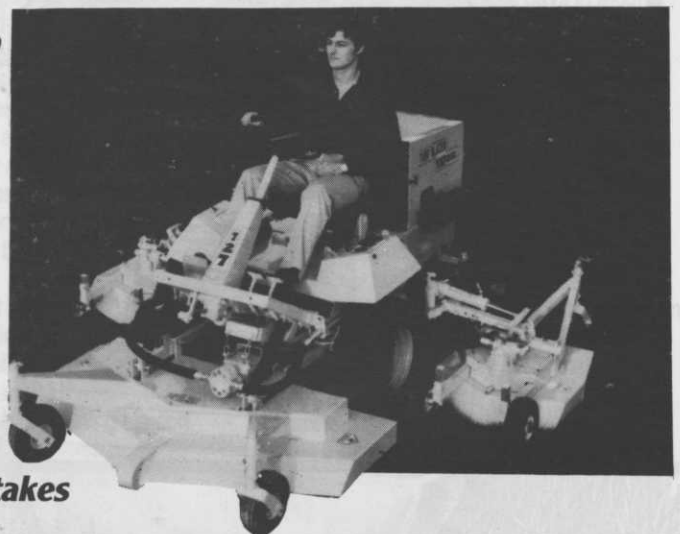
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