

## Big News For Those Little Jobs!

Lely (UK) Toro has introduced a new triplex trim mower, the Reelmaster 216, designed primarily for mowing smaller turf areas on golf courses.

Featuring a 6ft cutting width, the Reelmaster 216 uses a hydrostatic transmission to allow single pedal foot control and avoids the need for manual gear-shifting. The mower's tricycle design - rear wheel steers, front wheels provide traction - offers manoeuvrability in tight situations, while Toro's 'sector-rod' steering mechanism gives a design and durability similar to rack and pinion steering.

To assure continuous cutting, a stabilised rod provides constant pressure on the v-belt driving the cutting reels. Each of the three reels is supported by independent suspension to allow an even cut over all types of ground.

A single knob mechanism, exclusive to Toro, adjusts the bedknife-to-reel, aided by a quick-release system of the v-belt tension. Height of cut can be adjusted in  $\frac{1}{4}$ in increments with a quick-pin mechanism allowing a return to the original height-of-cut settings.

A hydraulic lift, accessible from the operator's seat, raises and lowers the entire cutting unit and a 16hp air-cooled Kohler engine provides a cutting speed of 5mph and a transport speed of 7.5mph.

Toro has also announced an 11-blade optional cutting unit for the Greensmaster 300 greens mower.

Providing a 59in cut width, the cutting unit's 5in diameter reel features 11 hardened carbon steel blades welded to five spiders. Height of cut can be adjusted as low as  $\frac{3}{32}$ in. An optional quick height-of-cut kit allows for convenient height-of-cut changes in .100 increments.

The Toro 11-blade cutting unit comes equipped with  $\frac{1}{8}$ in bedknife and an optional tournament bedknife for cuts down to  $\frac{3}{32}$ in. A centrally located single-hand knob control adjusts reel to bedknife in .001 in increments.

Toro's five-blade cutting unit option is in full production and the eight-blade cutting unit will continue to be available.



The new Reelmaster 216 from Lely (UK).

## Management Buy-Out

Trevor Martin, general manager of Vitax, with the support of Mike Lawton, technical/production manager, and Trevor Holmes, sales manager, has bought-out Steetley Minerals.

The move has been supported by investment from the main distributors of the three fertiliser

ranges, designed for commercial growers, the retail trade and the sports and amenity industry. Suppliers and Vitax advertising agents have also backed the new venture.

Further information can be obtained from Trevor Martin on 0704 893311.



Now heading Vitax, Mike Lawton, Trevor Martin and Trevor Holmes.

## Pesticides In Perspective

A series of leaflets discussing various aspects of pesticide usage on land and in water has been published by the British Agrochemicals Association.

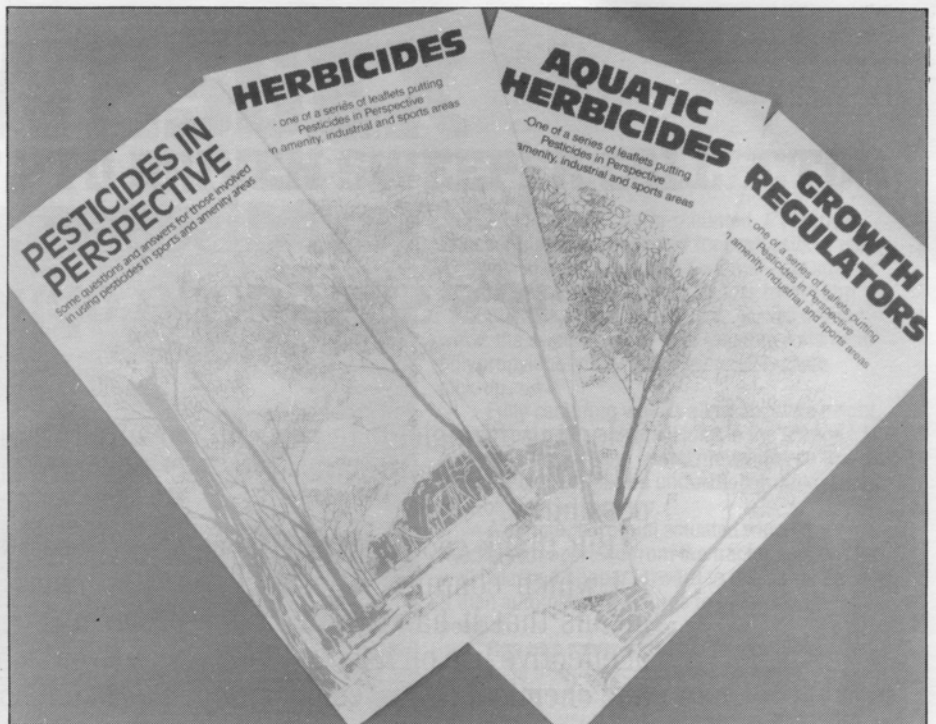
The four leaflets, part of a series aimed at 'putting pesticides in perspective' in amenity, industrial and sports areas, form the basis of a continuing information programme for professional users.

Tearlach MacLean, director of the BAA, said: "This series is designed to inform those whose work involves them in the use of pesticides in amenity, industrial and sports areas."

The leaflets will be available as a series for the first time at the IOG's Windsor exhibition this month.

*Pesticides In Perspective* answers commonly asked questions on the use of pesticides. *Herbicides* differentiates between selective and non-selective herbicides and describes the types of product available and how and why they are used.

*Growth Regulators* describes how chemicals can be used to manage and modify the growth of plants in areas such as roadside



The new series of leaflets from the BAA. verges, industrial sites and forestry.

*Aquatic Herbicides* emphasises the need for prudent management of water, whether for commercial or amenity purposes. The leaflet points out that aquatic weeds can interfere with drainage and irrigation or cause water to become stagnant and, therefore, a possible health hazard, make fish husbandry more difficult and cause damage by blocking pumps and filter equipment.

Both leaflets list the types of product approved by the government's Pesticides Safety Precautions Scheme, their uses and how and when they should be applied.

More detailed information is available in the BAA's *Directory Of Amenity Chemicals*, priced £1.50 and also available from the same address as the leaflets: British Agrochemicals Association, 4 Lincoln Court, Lincoln Road, Peterborough PE1 2RP.

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Dear Sir

May I correct an impression that Dr Hayes and Mr Arthur reflect in their article in the July issue? They suggest that the fertiliser trade is trying to sell more fertilisers to golf courses because of the recession in agriculture.

The higher profile adopted by my association in recent months has been simply and solely to help stimulate informed discussion and debate on the complex issues of whether, when, where and how much fertiliser should be used.

Too often we have seen sweeping statements criticising the use of fertiliser. The situation is not black and white and I am among the first to recognise that every green, every site, in fact, poses a different set of conditions.

The fertiliser industry is not in the business of selling fertiliser where it is not needed. It serves nobody, least of all manufacturers' reputations, to adopt this policy, whether it be fertilisers for golf courses or washing-up liquid for housewives.

My association's objectives are to encourage the sensible use of fertiliser in situations where it will be a benefit. This can best be achieved by encouraging discussion on the subject, involving technical and advisory specialists from all sides, including the manufacturers.

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