

LIMEGRAIN SEED MIX

For cricket pitch renovations, groundsmen can take advantage of the newly re-formulated MM50 seed mixture from Limagrain UK which now contains two new top-rated perennial ryegrass cultivars: Venice and Malibu.

The new perennial ryegrass cultivar Venice is now included in MM50, a 100% ryegrass blend. On the STRI's Turfgrass Seed 2009 new varieties table for close mown swards, Venice scores highly for shoot density, fineness of leaf, with exceptional resistance to red thread.

Malibu also has good disease resistance and fineness of leaf, and its high shoot density contributes to the development of a sward which is dense and hard wearing.

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JOHN DEERE'S NEW TURF SPRAYER

John Deere's new HD200 SelectSpray machine is an upgraded version of the 750-litre low profile sprayer first introduced in 2003.

The HD200 offers a choice of centrifugal or diaphragm pumps, manual or automatic rate controls and a range of boom options that now come with electro-hydraulic boom lift and lower as standard. A wiring harness allows the control system to be changed very easily, if required.

The optional CleanLoad chemical induction system makes it easy to load chemicals by ensuring that every last drop is used, and

a powerful jet agitator makes sure the tank solution is mixed thoroughly. An integral tank wash system is standard.

Designed as an attachment for John Deere's 24hp ProGator utility vehicle, the HD200 can be easily and quickly removed without tools, allowing customers to use the ProGator for other applications. An optional storage stand incorporates wheels so that the demounted sprayer can be moved around and reattached.

www.deere.co.uk



NEW DISTANCE MARKERS

The new range of BMS Distance Marker Products are guaranteed 10 years, UV Stable. Unbreakable! Anti-vandal signs and other products can also be made from same material. More designs coming soon!

All computer controlled CNC machine work and CAD drawings controlled by BMS staff.

Price each system Fairway Markers - 12" (300mm) diameter including mounting spikes, £300 including frame and set of three standard numbers.

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VERY SCARY

The new Vari Scary gas gun from Techneat Engineering will keep pigeons and other pests on the move from amenity turf sports areas. The Vari Scary features an innovative timing mechanism enabling operators to infinitely vary the both the number of salvos and the number of bangs per salvo. Changing the frequency of salvos throughout the day is a more effective deterrent to pigeons, rooks, rabbits etc.

The Vari Scary uses an electronic controller from Robydome to enable simple programming of the unit. The timer permits different combinations in any 30 minute time segments, to better match bird flock activity.

The timer-controlled Vari Scary overcomes serious limitations of conventional light sensitive units that can trigger firing too early in the morning, or cut off in dull weather to leave the turf exposed to attack. The reliability of the electronic timer gives confidence to set up and leave the Vari Scary, safe in the knowledge it will come on and go off at the designated times. A continuous spark ignition system assures ultimate reliability in firing.

The integrated leg stand gives excellent stability and ensures maximum coverage, including keeping bird and rabbit pests off reseeded turf and other areas subject to damage. The Vari Scary can be used in combination with the Techneat Eye-Scare to provide a range of audible and visual deterrents to pest activity.

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NON-ALCOHOLIC HAND CLEANER

STERI-7 is proven to kill all known super bugs including the most life threatening pathogens such as Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu), MRSA, C Difficile, TB, HIV, SARS, Hepatitis, Salmonella and E.Coli to name just a few.

It has a proven track record in Government Approved Laboratory tests, both in the UK and abroad (including the head of Infection Control for the UK and Ireland) and has shown that through the use of its unique Reactive Barrier Technology (RBT) that it will continue to protect between cleans, at the same level as when it was applied; STERI-7 works even when it has dried.

Its unique properties not only ensure a cleaner, safer environment for both user and customer alike, the regular use of STERI-7 will reduce the chances of cross-contamination in the workplace. Regular use will reduce sickness and time off work, thereby saving money.

STERI-7 Hand Sanitiser is a non-alcohol foaming hand cleaner and Sanitiser which provides protection and at the same time, creates a protective barrier which lasts for up to three hours.

It kills Clostridium Difficile spores together with MRSA and other life threatening pathogens and can even be used as a substitute to soap.

It is available to purchase as:

- Ready to use 750ml trigger sprays
- 5ltr Concentrate
- Surface wipes
- No-alcohol foaming hand sanitiser

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SPORTS GROUND MANAGEMENT

– A COMPLETE GUIDE BY STEWART BROWN

To undertaking a book entitled 'Sports Ground Management – A Complete Guide' is akin to Hercules setting out on his 12 Labours. It is not exactly setting the bar at a comfortable height, but Stewart Brown, Team Leader for Sportsturf at Myerscough College, has cleared it comfortably.

This book can indeed be described as a complete guide and does an excellent job in offering excellent practical information on a huge range of subjects within its 384 pages. It covers everything from management and administration, to procurement, contract management and planning to construction and maintenance of many different pitches including, bowling greens, cricket pitches, tennis courts, horse racing tracks and synthetic pitches and everything in between.

The book is packed with clear and informative diagrams and pictures of a higher quality than those that often appear in such tomes. The very nature of the book means that it is text heavy and it certainly isn't a publication that could, or is intended to be, read in one sitting, but as a reference book the type size is more than adequate and over the course of a career will be well thumbed!

Stewart, who is a Fellow of both the IOG and the Higher Education Academy and a member of the Institute of Learning, should be congratulated on his work and *Sports Ground Management – A Complete Guide* will join *Sports Turf & Amenity Grassland Management*, from 2005, as a fine body of work.

Costing £25, the book is published by The Crowood Press.

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