

A LETTER FROM STAN FREDERIKSEN

Turf Products Manager for
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Dear Roger:

Thanks a million for the opportunity you gave us to write an article for a forthcoming issue of THE BULL SHEET concerning the future of pesticides. Please forgive this tardy response — out-of-town trips and our current introduction of PO-SAN for Poa annua control have thrown things into a dither, and we're "way" behind in much of our correspondence.

Since your letter arrived in late February a number of us have read it and considered just how we could best contribute to your very fine journal, for the next month or two. When we get right down to a study of what's involved, we conclude that we just aren't oriented sufficiently to the subject you've suggested to enable us to do justice to it. It's true, of course, that we've been supplying turf chemicals for a long time. As you know, we introduced CALO-CLOR, the world's very first fungicide, back in 1926. During all these years, we've never heard of any superintendent or other turf manager ever being harmed in any way by any of our products in use anywhere. For this, and many other reasons, we don't visualize any of these products to be supplanted by others, for the purposes for which they are intended, and for use by the top professional turf managers such as you fellows in the Chicago area.

The questions being raised about the future of pesticides of various kinds have come up almost entirely in connection with their use on food crops. In fact, the only materials thus far subjected to Government scrutiny appear to be those used on food crops. In this area we have had no experience, and really don't feel qualified to write objectively. Accordingly, maybe you'll give us a "rain check", and let us have the opportunity, in the near future, to write something on the subject with which we're a lot better acquainted. If you have other ideas, or feel we can help in any other way, please let me know.

Warmest and best regards,

SIGNED: Stan

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