

cal control. Some past data seem to indicate that carbamate nematicides like Temik may do that.

The experiments are tough because it's not easy to grow the organisms in the lab. Some requirements are very particular, like maintaining 25 to 27 degrees Celsius.

Biocontrol harmless to good nematode

Grover Smart, the IFAS nematologist working on the mole cricket biocontrol project, says the biocontrol for sting and lance nematodes will not hurt the nematode which wears a white hat in the mole cricket wars.

"There would be some real advan-

tages in doing the two of them together," said Smart. "For the most part, in controlling plant parasitic nematodes, we have used chemicals. At the rate the chemicals are put out, however, they will also will kill nematodes put out to control mole crickets."

Smart said FTGA cooperators in the mole cricket project are limiting their nematode sprays to greens. "The hope is that there will be enough infected mole crickets in untreated areas to keep the nematode populations surviving. Where we have put the nematode, in most cases, is in roughs where they would not be treated with the chemical nematicide."

Lakes doing well near golf courses

Numbers are being crunched this very minute for a final report on the \$5,000 FTGA-sponsored research by Dan Canfield in the IFAS Fisheries and Aquaculture Department in Gainesville. The report is slated for fall publication.

The study of the fish population in Gate and Mountain lakes sampled fish with column nets, gill nets, shock and other methods. A smaller number of the fish were brought back to the lab to be weighed and measured.

Biologist Mark Hoyer said, "We pulled the inner ear bone (it's called

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the otolith) to see how old the fish are and how fast they have grown." The bones have growth rings like a tree.

Hoyer commented that at least three or four largemouth bass were found weighing over 10 pounds. The largest was from Mountain Lake and weighed 13.1 pounds. Mountain, with 136 acres, had 17 species of fish; Gate, 17 acres, had 12 species, including a walking catfish.

Neither lake had a nutrient overload, he said.

Area residents feared intensively managing the lakes for tourist enjoyment could lead to eutrophication, but both lakes appear generally healthy from preliminary results, Hoyer said.

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Organization	Membership	Latest Budget
Nature Conservancy	436,407	\$88,021,000
National Wildlife Federation	5,800,000	69,017,000
National Audubon Society	550,000	32,573,730
Sierra Club	426,000	28,059,498
Nature Resources Defense Council	95,000	11,760,242
Wilderness Society	250,000	10,932,448
Environmental Defense Fund	100,000	8,530,454
Envir. Policy Institute/Friends of the Earth	42,000	2,500,000
Izaak Walton League	50,000	1,544,908
Environmental Action	20,000	958,028
Total	7,769,407	\$253,897,308

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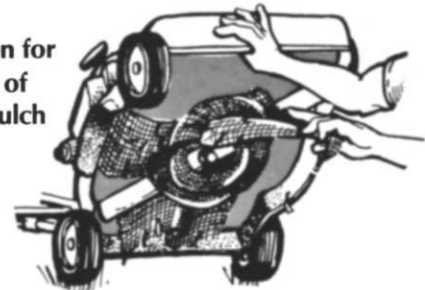
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