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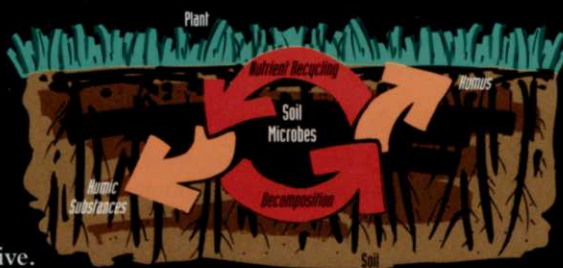
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The lifelike sculpture of an old man and his "pet" gator on Laurel Oak's No. 3 West created by local artist Jack Dowd causes a few double takes by the golfers. Photo by Joel Jackson.

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Browsing through past issues of the *Florida Green*, *Green Sheet* and other turf publications, I have found one common goal. Everyone is trying to accomplish better communications. Open lines of communication are established with the FTGA, GCSAA, USGA and other golf

and turf associations so we can keep our members better informed on up-to-date news that affects our jobs and workplace.

Educational information from local meetings, regional seminars, pesticide safety workshops, Hands On articles is another way the FGCSA is

communicating now.

Our director of communications, Joel Jackson, has been attending meetings of the FQPA Action Committee and Pesticide Review Council and sharing that information with you through our publications and reports to each chapter's external vice president. He has already put together a contact list of all state and federal legislators for each chapter to use for making contact on government relations issues. In the coming months, he will also be working on compiling a list of media contacts statewide to be able to send and receive information about our profession or any other issues concerning our industry.

*What We
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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE**



Joe Ondo, CGCS
President
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I urge any superintendent or local chapter officer to be sure and contact Marie or Joel with any information they might think we may need to know about. It doesn't have to be bad news or just government-related stuff. We'd also like to share names and contact numbers of good speakers you had for a chapter meeting; recognize local award winners; tell people about some community project your chapter or course may be involved in and job changes and openings. There's lots to talk about!

We communicate on a daily basis with our bosses and employees so this is an area we should all do pretty well. I know we can't always read every magazine, newsletter and all the literature and comes across our desks everyday, but you should try to at least look at your state and local publications. They are always trying to give you the latest of what's going on internally and externally that affects you as a member of the FGCSA.

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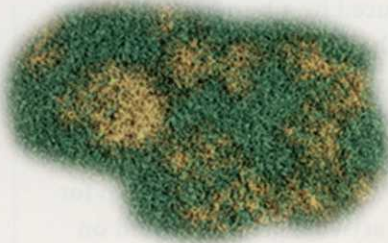
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Matt thought I'd lost my mind. I told him I'd rather keep him as a long term customer than sell a few extra cases of my fine product for one season. "AgrEvo reps," he laughed, then he sent me a dozen golf balls from the club.



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Hopefully by now any superintendent reading this will have heard about the impact that the implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act may have on the agriculture and turf industries. People need to be aware that mosquito control, commercial and residential structural pest control, lawn care operators and golf courses will also be affected.

It is ironic that 80 percent of the purchase and use of residential pesticides are by homeowners and they may not even be considered.

The main focus of FQPA is to protect the public from residues in dietary and non-dietary sources. Some provisions:

- A single, health-based safety standard for pesticide residue tolerances

in both raw and processed food.

- An explicit determination that residue tolerances are safe for children.
- Consideration of (1) aggregate exposure to residues of pesticides (including food, drinking water and residential use) and (2) exposure to all other pesticides with a common mechanism of toxicity, when setting residue tolerances.

Using these guidelines will profoundly change the way tolerances are determined. For example, since all organophosphate (OP) insecticides have the same mechanism of toxicity, EPA must consider their cumulative effects on an aggregate basis when setting a residue tolerance level for one of them.

What does all this mean? The example of a "risk cup" is used to describe aggregate exposure estimates. A full cup represents the level of exposure that a person could receive every day for 70 years without

experiencing appreciable risk.

This is determined through animal studies where a no-effect exposure amount for the pesticide is identified for rats. This amount is reduced by a hundredfold factor to determine the daily/lifetime safe exposure for humans. FQPA requires that an additional safety margin up to tenfold be applied for infants and children.

Before FQPA, there was one risk cup for each pesticide active ingredient based on the exposure associated with its use on food crops and how they act on human health. Now, the same cup must hold the risks from dietary exposure plus the risks from any exposure to residues in drinking water, residential use, commercial lawn and ornamental care, commercial pest control, sports turf, golf courses and mosquito control programs (aggregate exposure).

Result: The cup fills more quickly. There is less room for new and even existing pesticides and uses.

Pesticide manufacturers could:

1. Make label or formulation changes so the pesticide is safer. This means the pesticides or uses require less room in the cup.
2. Drop pesticides and/or uses from the cup. This will make room for other products and uses.

All pesticide tolerances must be reviewed by EPA by the year 2006, but the deadline for organophosphate and carbamate food-use tolerance is August, 1999. Minor crops like fruit and vegetables, turf management of parks, sports fields, home and commercial lawns and golf courses are at risk for label restrictions and loss of product registration. If you manage such crops or green spaces, be aware that your pesticide options may change over the next few years.

What can you do?

- Be informed about FQPA and its impacts on pesticide use. This can translate into lower crop productivity, using more expensive, less effective

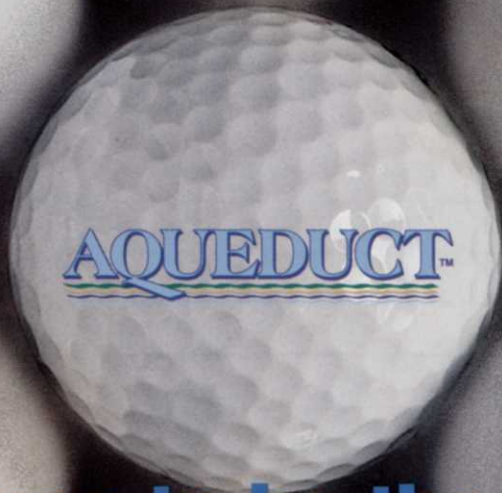
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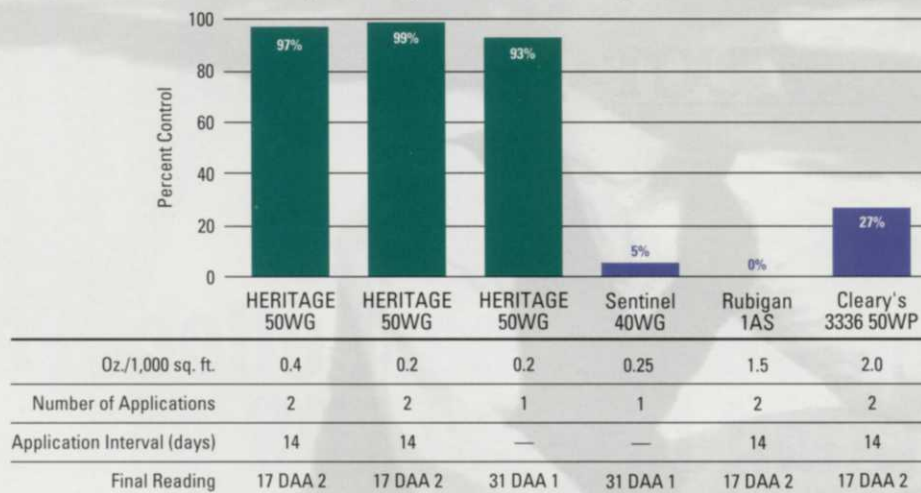
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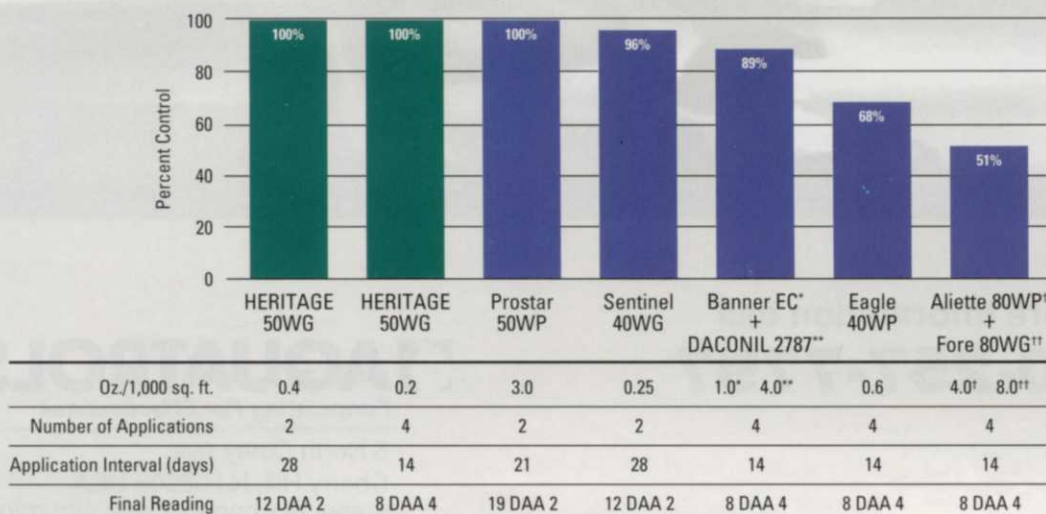


Dr. Don Scott, Purdue University, 1995

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¹ Also isolated from plots: 2 species *Rhizoctonia*; 3 species *Pythium*; and several species *Curvularia*.

Brown Patch (*Rhizoctonia solani*) on Colonial Bentgrass



Dr. Pat Sanders, Penn State University, 1994

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