SUPPLIER BUSINESS

Jacklin, Turf-Seed host field days

Jacklin Seed Company in Post Falls, Idaho, and Turf-Seed in Hubbard, Ore., recently hosted their annual grass seed research field days at their respective company bases.

Jacklin reported more than 120 visitors and Turf-Seed 400 from the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Korea, England, China, Argentina, Germany and other European countries.

They were impressed by the U.S. national test trials for Kentucky

bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, turftype tall fescue, creeping bentgrass and Bermudagrass.

Another highlight was the viewing of the shade and lowmaintenance trials, as well as the zoysiagrass seed development and tests.

Featured were details on extensive biotechnology research and experimentation, and information on criteria necessary for a grass seed variety to qualify for the Green Seal label.

Turfgrass seed growers, manag-

ers and distributors reviewed the latest developments in turfgrass technology.

In addition to unveiling new varieties Tomahawk and Safari tall fescues and Quickstart perennial ryegrass, Vanessa Jensen and Miroslav Jiranek, new members of Turf-Seed's marketing team, were introduced.

The 10th anniversary event at the research facility near Hubbard, which has grown from 27 acres to 110, will be held June 18, 1992.



University of Illinois professor Hank Wilkinson speaks at 9th Turf-Seed Field Day

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BASF receives fed'l testing permit for 1991

RALEIGH, N.C. — BAS 514, an experimental product that controls annual grasses and broadleaf weeds with one application, has received a federal experimental use permit for more than 4,000 acres in 1991, according to Terry Hanson of BASF Corp.

A limited amount of the product will be sold to cooperating researchers and commercial turf specialists for trials in selected states, reports Hanson, BASF specialty products manager.

The experimental herbicide is based on a new active ingredient, whose proposed common name is quinclorac. An application for full registration has been submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency.

After seven years of study, BAS 514 has shown good to excellent postemergence control of crabgrass dandelions, clover and other broadleaf weed species, Hanson said.

Cool-season grasses as well as Bermudagrass and zoysiagrass have been determined to be tolerant to BAS 514 application, he said.

Promark moves to Brillon, Wis.

BRILLION, Wis. — In a move designed to streamline operations and increase emphasis on the product line, Ariens Co. has moved all operations of its Promark subsidiary to Ariens headquarters here.

According to Steve Dunlap, vice president of marketing, Ariens will focus its attention and resources primarily on the Promark chippers/ shredders and turf/pavement vacuum products.

Although stump grinders and aeriallifts no longer will be marketed by Ariens, Dunlap expects few disruptions or inconveniences because Ariens has an established dealer and customer service system for its existing line of commercial and consumer products.

Michael Thuecks will be responsible for Promark's sales effort and will have field sales outlets in Illinois, Georgia and Calfornia.