

Northeast

CLARKE ADVISES ON FUNGICIDES

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. — Dr. Bruce B. Clarke, extension specialist in turf pathology at Rutgers University, discussed fungicide

control and irrigation practices for Summer Patch disease at Rutgers' recent turfgrass field day.

He said the first application of drenches should be made at 65 degree soil temperatures, as the disease becomes active

at about 68 or 69 F soil temperatures.

Applications should be done on overcast days when drying conditions are poor, so the control product can be watered down to the crown and roots to allow it to be translocated up.

Applying Summer Patch controls on clear bright days, when drying conditions are excellent, almost insures failure because most of the effective control products are absorbed under those conditions in 30 seconds or less.

He recommends an optimum of 5 gallons of finished spray per 1,000 square feet, with 1/8 to 1/4 inch of irrigation immediately following. He said tests done at the University of Maryland have shown that too much water can dilute the product and reduce control.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DRAWS TOP SPEAKERS

MANCHESTER, N. H. — The 1993 New Hampshire Turf Conference Jan. 14-15, at the Center of New Hampshire features a wide variety of speakers.

Dr. Gerry Stephenson, University of Guelph, Canada, will discuss human exposure to turfgrass pesticides.

Other speakers include Drs. Richard Schmidt, V. P. I.; Doug Brede, Jacklin Seed Co.; Gail Schumann, UMass.; Roch Gaussoin, U. Nebraska; Jeff Nus, GCSAA, Kansas; James Wilkinson, Earth Gro, Conn.; Jim Dotson, Miles, Inc., Kansas, and Bruce Fraedrich, Bartlett Tree, N. C.; and Paul Sachs, North Country Organics; and Kathy Schmidt, Division of Pest Control, N. H.

West

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OUTLOOK GOOD

MISSION VIEJO, Calif. — If the number of attendees and exhibitor responses at the recent Southern California Turfgrass EXPO were any indication of the economic outlook for 1993, the forecast looks awfully good. Chuck Wilson, EXPO director, said that from a preliminary count that about 3,600 professionals attended the two-day educational event annually held at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa.

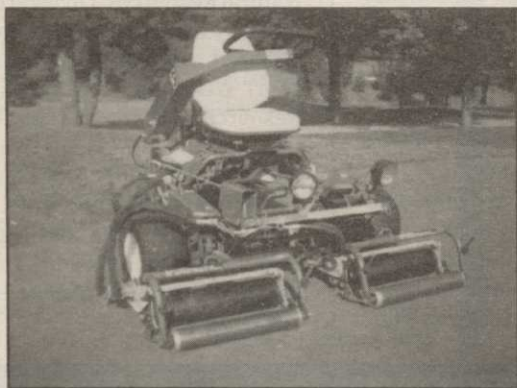
According to Wilson, the 190 plus exhibitors, 75 percent of whom have participated in the EXPO for five to 32 years, indicated a positive outlook for sales in 1993 based on the responses and sales leads generated from the show.

"I think the negativity from the past year's recession has bottomed out," said Wilson. "Tough times seem to have passed."

INLAND NORTHWEST SHOW SET

SPOKANE, Wash. — The turfgrass industry's latest technology will be unveiled at the sixth annual Inland Northwest Turf and Landscape Trade Show Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Spokane Interstate Grounds.

Admission is free. Show time is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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