

BRIEFS



CROCKETT JOINS CLEARY

Jim Crockett, previously general manager of Imperial Nurseries, Inc. of Granby, Conn., has joined the W. A. Cleary Chemical Corp. as market development manager, Horticulture Products. Crockett holds a master's of science degree from Auburn University. He was also employed by Chemlawn Corp. In his role at Cleary, Jim will direct the development of existing and future horticulture products into the greenhouse, nursery and retail markets.

MERIT REGISTERED IN NY

Merit insecticide has received registration in the state of New York, including Long Island. Merit is manufactured and marketed by Bayer Corp., formerly Miles, Inc. A certificate of pesticide registration was issued by the N.Y. Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Under the terms of the registration, all three Merit formulations — Merit 75WP, Merit 75WSP and Merit 0.5G insecticides — are accepted for use on turf, landscape ornamentals and interior plantscapes throughout the state of New York, including Long Island.

AQUATROLS HIRES WANZOR

Tracy Moore, president of Aquatrols, announces the newest addition to the Aquatrols family. Scott Wanzor, of Duluth, Ga., is the new southeast territory manager. "We're excited to have Scott on board, and look forward to his education and experience contributing to the company's growth." Wanzor has over 18 years of turf and ornamental experience. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia.



Scott Wanzor

CHANGES OF SCENE

SOMERSET N.J. — Lofts Seed, Inc. has relocated its corporate offices and Research Department here: 347 Elizabeth Ave., Suite 101, Somerset, N.J. 08873. By phone, Lofts can be contacted by calling 908-356-8700 or 1-800-526-3890 (outside N.J.); or faxing 908-356-5607. The Research Department can be reached by faxing 908-560-0884.

The phone number for Fort Collins, Colo.-based Aqua Engineering, Inc. has been assigned a new area code. The firm may now be reached by dialing 970-229-9668; or faxing 970-226-3855. The mailing address remains 200 Vermont, Fort Collins, Colo., 80525.

GCSAA changes '96 show hours

Sun., Feb. 11 Mon., Feb. 12

Show Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Show Hours: None

Monday eliminated; short day Sunday; events pushed back earlier in the week

By HAL PHILLIPS

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The commendation has been nearly unanimous as exhibitors react to new trade show hours announced by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. In short, distributor day has been moved to Friday morning (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), superintendents will be allowed on the floor Friday at 1 p.m., and the Monday hours have been eliminated altogether. These changes will take effect at the association's 1996 International Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla. "I think it'll work," said Don Hepler,

president of Professional Turf Specialties, Inc., a distributorship based in Champaign, Ill. "The only problem I see is, we have a lot of meetings that traditionally been scheduled for Friday morning. They're basically forcing us to come in a day earlier. But if they eliminate the Monday hours, it should work out fine."

"It'll be a busy three days, but then it always is."

The applause has been nearly universal with regard to closing up shop Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m., and junking the routinely slow Monday hours. On Monday

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DowElanco fails to report; EPA levies hefty fine

By HAL PHILLIPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and DowElanco have settled on a \$732,000 penalty against the Indianapolis-based firm for failing to report to the agency information on adverse health effects over the past decade involving a number of pesticides, including chlorpyrifos (brand name Dursban).

The penalty is the largest to date under section 6 (a) (2) of the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which requires pesticide registrants to submit to EPA, in a timely manner, any additional factual information regarding unreasonable adverse effects of their registered pesticide products.

"DowElanco views the settlement as an essential means of resolving the issues raised and of maintaining a good working relationship with EPA," reads a statement released by DowElanco. "We take product stewardship and compliance with U.S. laws and regulations very seriously, and we want our efforts in these areas to meet or exceed the EPA's expectations. We

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NEW PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

John Deere's new 22 Utility Trailer is a low profile, greens mower hauler that allows operators to leave the transport wheels in the maintenance building. The thermal formed insert has depressed settings for one or two greens mowers. A rubber composite liner covers the tailgate ramp, protecting the transport drum, bedknife and roller during loading and unloading. With its payload capacity of 1000 lbs., low profile and turf tires, the 22 Utility Trailer can haul practically anything without disturbing the surroundings. The trailer's box weighs 240 lbs. empty and has a box capacity of 10 cubic feet. The 22 is compatible with Gators, the 1800 Utility Vehicle, larger lawn and garden tractors and most other utility vehicles. It can easily be attached to most equipment with a rear hitch. For added versatility, the greens mower insert can easily be detached by removing two screws, leaving a standard trailer suitable for virtually any hauling task. For more information, contact Deere at 919-832-7421. For new products, see page 42.

West Coast Turf purchases Warren's in Calif.; Ames absorbs SE Plastics

WINCHESTER, Calif. — With its acquisition of the Warren's Turf operation here, West Coast Turf has added another arrow to its increasingly replete quiver. The Warren purchase, finalized May 1, is 1995's first significant move for Palm Desert-based West Coast Turf, which bought out Foster Turf Products and opened a Las Vegas office in 1994. The 200 acres here — just one of many Warren's locations — feature three types of hybrid Bermudagrass, as well as St. Augustine, and tall fescue turfgrasses. The newest West Coast Turf office serves Southern California's Inland Empire. "The Winchester location has both warm and cool-season grasses, and securing that inventory will enable us to broaden our product line," explained John Foster, president of West Coast Turf. West Coast specializes in the application of warm-season grasses on golf courses and features Big Roll, thick-cut and washed sod shipped nationwide.



ACQUISITIONS

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — Ames Lawn & Garden Tools has acquired the assets of Southeastern Plastics, Inc. of Byesville, Ohio, in a move that will double Ames' injection molding capacity and help meet the growing worldwide demand for its polyconstructed hose reels, lawn carts and other lawn and garden products. The announcement was made by President & Chief Executive Officer Rick E. Keup, who said all injection molding operations at the Byesville facility would be under the responsibility of Ira R. (Dick) Phillips, Ames' senior vice president, operations. Ames,

the largest manufacturer and distributor of non-powered lawn and garden tools in North America "has long been the only major lawn and garden tool manufacturer in this country with in-house plastics molding capabilities [at its injection and blow molding plant in Elyria, Ohio]," stated Keup. Ames plans to expand the Byesville facility, which currently employs 160 people.

Head protection pushed in Minnesota; rolling out the grass carp-et in California

According to a letter circulated to superintendents and other turf groups in Minnesota, the state OSHA plans to redouble its efforts with regard to head protection and **roll-bar enforcement:**

"Rollover protection and seat belts are required on all motorized, self-propelled vehicles and mowers that are equipped with a 20 horsepower motor and above," reads S. 182.653, Sub. 2. "Four-wheeled vehicles and mowers operating on flat terrain only will be exempt. Three-wheeled vehicles have no exemption.

"Any employee exposed to flying objects or subjected to possible injury by flying objects needs to wear head protec-

tion (such as a hard hat). Employers are required to provide this head protection for their employees."

The letter also makes it clear that golf courses are a primary focus of the two enforcement initiatives.

Meanwhile, superintendents in California are leading efforts to legalize the use of grass carp as an **aquatic weed control** method on Golden State courses. The California GCSA successfully pushed for introduction of SB 157, which would make it legal to introduce



triploid (sterile) species of white amur, commonly known as the grass carp, into golf course ponds and lakes. Use of the fish in impoundments that feed into the Sacramento or San Joaquin rivers would be delayed until 2001, assuming no harm comes from use of the white amur in other areas before that time.

Also in California, hovering mower distributors received an emissions setback from the California Air Resources Board (CARB), whose written directive denies a

request that **hovering mowers** be exempted as a hand-held, two-stroke device. CARB spokesman Jerry Martin indicated the Flymo was not a "true necessity" for golf courses because of the availability of string trimmers.

Also, **Kawasaki USA's** Engine Division has announced the receipt of certification by CARB for its FB460V engine, bringing the total number of Kawasaki engine models certified to meet the emissions requirements to 12. The Kawasaki FB460V, a 12.5-horsepower, four-stroke vertical shaft engine, has been certified under the rigid California standards, which are expected to be adopted nationwide in the future.

DowElanco settles

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were concerned to learn that we had not met agency expectations in the case at hand. We have made a careful evaluation of the reporting process by which we provide information to EPA and have committed additional resources in order to avoid a repetition of these issues in the future."

According to EPA, DowElanco reported 249 incidents to EPA after the 30-day time period specified in EPA guidance. EPA's review of these incidents indicated DowElanco had not been reporting adverse effects incidents that it learned of through personal injury claims and lawsuits. After EPA sent DowElanco a "show cause" letter, the company submitted information on additional incidents.

The bulk of the information arose from personal injury claims filed against DowElanco relating to chlorpyrifos. Reported adverse effects, which span about a decade, included cases of alleged peripheral neuropathy and other chronic neurological effects. Peripheral neuropathy involves the nerves of the arms and legs.

"EPA asserts," the company statement continues, "that DowElanco was late in submitting reports providing notice of allegations drawn from its claims and litigation files. DowElanco voluntarily disclosed allegations from these files and has cooperated fully in providing information in response to EPA requests. This information has been provided even though it is drawn from allegations of individuals seeking compensation and is not regarded by DowElanco as factual information.

"Along with our submission of claims-related allegations, DowElanco also provided the Agency with a safety assessment related to these claims. Based on this assessment, we remain confident of the wide margins of safety that exist for our products under conditions of use."

EPA's Dr. Lynn Goldman noted that the incident reports obtained in this actions are particularly important because EPA is currently reviewing the registration for chlorpyrifos.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

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