

SANDOZ NAMES WINNER

DES PLAINES, Ill. — Sandoz Agro, Inc. has revealed that Scott Anderson, superintendent at Huntingdon Valley Country Club in Pennsylvania, won the grand drawing for a personal computer at the International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla. Anderson, a superintendent for 13 years, was chosen in a random drawing at the show. He will receive a Packard Bell 100 MHz Pentium Processor with CD-ROM drive, fax/modem and monitor.

ProStar okayed in NY; Tupersan now labeled for sod use

WILMINGTON, Del. — ProStar 50WP Fungicide has received approval from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation for use on turf in that state. ProStar 50WP is a systemic fungicide for controlling turf diseases caused by Basidiomycetes.

"ProStar provides effective control of brown patch, yellow patch, gray snow mold, red thread and pink patch," said Dr. David Spak of AgrEvo USA. "ProStar is currently the only product registered to suppress fairy ring."



ProStar 50WP will be available in premeasured, water soluble packages that reduce worker

exposure and package disposal. In addition, ProStar is registered for tank mixing with any number of other products for control of an even wider range of diseases. ProStar provides protection against disease for periods of from 14 to 28 days, depending on the disease and degree of disease pressure.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — PBI/Gordon Corp. has announced the expansion of the Tupersan Herbicide Wettable Powder label to include sod farms with the

Worker Protection Standard (WPS) required by EPA for use on grower sites.

Tupersan WP is a wettable powder containing siduron which is used for pre-emergent control of annual grasses such as crabgrass, foxtail and barnyardgrass in newly seeded areas as well as in established turf. It can even be used at the time of seeding without causing injury to germinating seedlings of most cool-season grasses. With an application of Tupersan WP, sod growers can prevent annual weed grasses even when overseeding in the spring.

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and Triumph insecticide.

Officials at Sandoz Turf and Ornamental agreed that product supply and service would continue uninterrupted. Officials also assured superintendents the Sandoz product line — which includes Sentinel fungicide, Barricade pre-emergent herbicide and Mavrik insecticide — would not be affected.

Shareholder approval is scheduled to take place April 23 and 24 in Switzerland. The deal must then pass safely through the anti-trust processes in the United States, Europe and Japan. Optimistic estimates indicate the process could be concluded in six months.

"We're working hard to make sure we're up and running as Novartis for the 1997 season," said Hintze.

Total consolidated agribusiness sales of the two companies in 1995 were nearly \$6 billion. In crop protection, including the turf and ornamental industry, Novartis will hold a strong position in four key areas: weed control, disease control, insect control and seed treatment.

According to officials from both firms, 15 new compounds are in an advanced stage of development, mainly in the weed control, disease control and insect control markets, several of which will have applications in the turf and ornamental industry.

Outside the agribusiness sector, the merger creates the second-largest pharmaceuticals company in the world, with combined sales of nearly \$13 billion.

Ciba's Dr. Alex Krauer will be chairman of Novartis, and Dr. Daniel Vasella of Sandoz will be president and head of the executive committee. Dr. Wolfgang Samo of Ciba will be one of eight members of the Novartis executive committee, representing the agribusiness sector. Integration teams will be formed immediately to initiate and carry out the merger implementation process.

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