

## Calling all old Vermeers

PELLA, Iowa — Vermeer Manufacturing has kicked off its "Hunt for the Longest Running Vermeer," a contest to locate its oldest operable machine.

Contest rules and registration are available at every North American Vermeer dealership where entries for the contest are being accepted until November 1, 1997. The winning machine and its owner will be present at Vermeer in Pella during the company's 50th anniversary in 1998.

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TOKYO — In response to an action filed by Kubota Corp., Kubota Tractor Corp. and Kubota Manufacturing of America Corp., the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has issued a general exclusion order prohibiting the further importation of "gray market" Kubota tractors under 50 PTO horsepower that infringe Kubota's federally registered trademark rights.

## EoZyme

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originally thought," said Smith, but it's getting the job done and it's head and shoulders better than what we were using."

Here's how it works: A concrete pad, or washing area is poured outdoors to form an equipment washing station. After the equipment is hosed off, the water flows into a catch basin and is then pumped up to the first of three tanks. Before the water enters the first tank, however, grass is filtered out and dumped into a 45 gallon barrel.



"Uses typically get about 30 gallons of grass per day," said Schuman.

"We're having an extremely wet summer," said Smith, "so we're having a lot of grass. We have to keep a couple guys on it when we're doing a clean up." Smith said his crew is using the wash station three times a day due to the current wet conditions.

In the first tank resides a settling comb, a device that sifts sand, grit and heavy matter out of the water. The sediment-free water then moves into the second and third tank where the microbes, which are injected once a day, feast on the contaminants.

"The water that goes through the system is then clean enough to be pumped back into irrigation ponds, sprinkler systems or sewer systems," said Schuman.

Smith's is being pumped back into the sewer system.

"Golf courses are starting to look at doing this more often," said Smith. "And it's only a matter of time when the EPA starts cracking down. But it's a great thing to do just to show your environmental stewardship since people still don't know what we do and how we do it."

The system is up and running in more than 40 courses around the country. It's available for about \$15,000.

## Toro training

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will allow hands-on servicing — the key, said Smith, to helping the curriculum stick.

"The purpose of this service facility is to replicate the actual work environment that service technicians encounter in the turf industry," said Smith. "We'll demonstrate practical application in a state-of-the-art service environment," he said.

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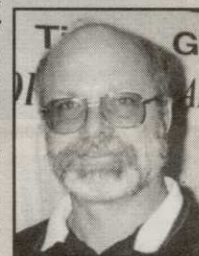
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