

Clover Infestation

Q. We have a bad infestation of white clover on our fairways and want to do something about it this season. When should we start and what shall we use? We can get the use of a farm sprayer with pressure tank that has about a 30-ft. boom. Is 2,4-D the right product to use and if so in what proportions? (Minnesota)

A. White clover in your fairways is indicative of a shortage of nitrogen. In your plans to reduce the clover with chemicals, be sure to include in your budget enough money to buy nitrogen to feed the grass so that it will be dense and thick so that clover cannot re-invade.

A mixture of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T called "Brush Killer" is better than 2,4-D alone for killing clover. Rates for best results are found on containers. Rates vary according to the percentage of active ingredient in the product. Follow directions closely with respect to rates and temperatures.

Chemical clover control will be far more effective when followed by a generous application of nitrogen fertilizer.

What Grass to Plant

Q. We are building a new golf course and will plant the greens late this summer. We are undecided about what grass to plant. We have been advised to use Old Orchard. May we have your opinion of this grass? (Iowa)

A. Old Orchard bent has turned in a fine performance record among the creeping bents. Permit me to quote from a letter written by Chuck Zwiener, Golf Coach, State University of Iowa, Iowa City:

"... our greens are as fine as you will find any place. . . . Old Orchard makes a fine putting surface. It has beautiful color and texture and is not grainy as some bents are. I would heartily recommend it to anyone in the country as an excellent grass. Our supt., Harold Brown, is sold on its fine maintenance qualities. . . . if anyone is skeptical about Old Orchard, send him here to look at our greens".

It was on this course that R. R. Bond, developer of Old Orchard, planted a demonstration green in fall, 1958, before 107 supts. New fertilizers in the seedbed were part of the demonstration.

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