

The Company Line

■ PRODUCTS & SERVICES



▲ Herbicide

PBI/Gordon offers Blade herbicide to treat bahiagrass on bermudagrass fairways. Spot spraying Blade at the highest recommended bahiagrass rate (three-fourths of an ounce per acre) may cause moderate discoloration of the turf for a few days, but the bahia will be gone within two weeks or so.

Blade, the metsulfuron product introduced by PBI/Gordon last year, is also applied in late spring to ryegrass in greens and fairways as a chemical transition aid. It promotes the decline of overseeded grass in favor of bermudagrass returning to dominance.

Blade also provides control of difficult-to-control broadleaf weeds such as spurge and wild onions, as well as khakiweed. For more information, contact 800-821-7925

Postemergent herbicide

Valent's Velocity Herbicide is a postemergent herbicide that will control *Poa annua* and certain broadleaf weeds in established bentgrass fairway turf. Velocity will also suppress seedhead production by *Poa annua*. The prod-

uct has a low-use rate and a wide window of application on annual bluegrass in bentgrass fairways. Its active ingredient is bispyribac-sodium. Velocity is not yet registered for use.

For more information, contact 925-256-2700

Kentucky bluegrass

Turf-Seed introduces three new Kentucky bluegrass varieties — Blacksburg II, Midnight Star and Brilliant. The bluegrasses have individual qualities when mixed with other bluegrass types for use in a blend program. All three are good for a variety of applications.

The dark green Blacksburg II provides excellent winter color and will green up early and dense in the spring, the company says. Midnight Star thrives in the summer and maintains its density in the fall. Brilliant is a uniform, upright dense turf with a dark green color. It has a compact, spreading growth habit that's moderately aggressive, and a fine leaf width.

For more information, contact 800-247-6910, or www.turf-seed.com

Reinforcement mats

North American Green says that new independent tests on its Vmax3 Composite Reinforcement Series show that the Vmax3 products can provide shear stress protection up to 12 pounds per square foot and flow velocities of more than 20 feet per second — enough force to wash away 36-inch riprap. Even when exposed to flows generating extreme levels of shear stress, the Vmax3 mats experienced nearly zero soil loss and incurred no physical damage to their permanent structures while significantly increasing vegetation's resistance to flow.

Vmax3 Composite Turf Reinforcement Mats (C-TRMs) enable vegetation to be used in many high-flow drainage, channel and shoreline applications where rock riprap and concrete were once the only viable alternative. The series includes three different Composite Turf Reinforcement Mats: the SC250, C350 and the P550.

For more information, contact 800-772-2040 or www.nagreen.com

▼ Water management

Becker Underwood's Admiral Liquid controls the growth of algae and aquatic vegetation in lakes, ponds and other bodies of water while adding a beautiful, natural-looking blue. By restricting sunlight, Admiral effectively controls the growth of algae and aquatic vegetation. The natural blue color



Fungicide

Clearly Chemical Corp.

introduces Alude Systemic fungicide to fight plant diseases such as pythium, phytophthora, downey mildew and other summer stress-related diseases.

Alude is a phosphonate fungicide that provides prevention and control of various plant diseases in turf and ornamentals. Its rapid foliar uptake and systemic activity help ensure preventative disease protection all the way to the roots. Alude works by moving upward and downward in the plant's vascular system and stimulates the "natural" disease prevention mechanisms inside the plant, which release antifungal compounds and thicken cell walls.

For more information, contact 800-524-1662

of Admiral also improves the beauty of the pond, lake or waterway in which it is used. Admiral is labeled to control the following weeds: filamentous blue and bluegreen algae, chara, leafy pondweed, spirogyra, slender naiad, water milfoil (treated early) and tuber production of hydrilla.

For more information, contact 800-232-5907 or www.beckerunderwood.com

Soil fumigant

To meet increased demand for Curfew soil fumigant in Florida, **Dow AgroSciences** has added LESCO and Harrell's as agents. The company has also named Hendrix and Dail, a Florida turf management company specializing in nematode control, as a new certified, authorized applicator.

For more information, contact 800-255-3726