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Out with the old, in with the new herbicide

BASF Turf & Ornamentals is no longer selling Drive 75 DF herbicide to the professional turf and ornamentals market. The company says it's now focusing on selling the postemergent herbicide, Drive XLR8.

Launched in 2008, Drive XLR8 herbicide is a true liquid formulation and, as such, exhibits rainfastness in only 30 minutes. Drive XLR8 also shows improved efficacy over the older Drive75 DF and is easier to handle and mix, BASF says.



▲ Topdresser aims to be precise

Turfco's WideSpin 1540 EC Topdresser makes topdressing precise and easy. It gives an accurate, wide range of applications with the least amount of adjustments due to patented WideSpin technology and an electronic controller, which allows users to dial in and set three custom application rates from ultra-light to super-heavy, ensuring a precise spread every time. The topdresser provides a great range of spinner angle, both up and down, for up to 40-foot ultra-light applications or angled down for even better turf penetration. Belt and spinner speeds adjust instantaneously for greater productivity. Turfco also offers a three-year warranty.

Fungicide receives registration

Quali-Pro said its new Myclobutanil 20 EW fungicide has received registration from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A systemic fungicide powered by the active ingredient myclobutanil, a demethylation inhibitor (DMI), Myclobutanil 20 EW controls stubborn turf diseases without inhibiting turf growth or root development.

"It's a versatile fungicide with low use rates for use on greens, tees, fairways and roughs," says Russ Mitchell, Quali-Pro's product and marketing director. One applica-

tion of Myclobutanil 20 EW provides up to four weeks of curative control and protection from new infections, according to Quali-Pro. It will also control dead spot on bermudagrass throughout the winter when applied 30 to 60 days prior to dormancy."

A broad-spectrum liquid fungicide, Myclobutanil 20 EW provides both curative and protective control of nearly 20 turfgrass diseases, including: dollar spot, dead spot, brown patch, copper spot, necrotic ring spot and summer patch. It's an easy-to-mix formula that's a compatible tank partner with most insecticides, pesticides, fertilizers and other fungicides.

Fungicide added to line

Arysta LifeScience said it has received EPA approval for its newest fungicide and the addition of another product to the DISARM line. DISARM M is an advanced premix formulation of fluoxastrobin and myclobutanil that optimizes ingredient rates to maximize efficient spray application, turfgrass plant coverage and disease-control efficacy. With two modes of systemic, preventive activity, DISARM M protects turf in both the root and leaf, according to the company.

DISARM M provides early and later cool-season turf disease control of anthracnose, dollar spot, brown patch and summer patch on Kentucky bluegrass on fairways and greens. It's also approved for use in overseeding warm-season golf turfgrass with ryegrass.

Rewards program gets overhaul

Bayer Environmental Science says it's now "easier than ever" to find rewards and redeem points on its enhanced Accolades Web site. Golf course superintendents can track their point balance, review their account history, and browse from more than 4,000 rewards on BayerAccolades.com. "Since Accolades is all about rewarding the turf managers for their loyalty, we wanted to make it as easy as possible for them to take advantage of the improved program," said Matt Bradley, Bayer's Accolades program manager. "The user-friendly Web site and extensive variety of rewards to choose from will appeal to all existing and future members."

After soliciting feedback from customers, Bayer made changes necessary to improve the program. More than 4,000 new rewards have recently been added.



▲ **John Deere's** 220 E-Cut Hybrid Walk Greens Mower is now available through John Deere Golf's extensive distributor network. The mower's independent floating head provides a precise cut and guarantees less turf stress from clean-up passes, the company states. The ball-joint design and electric drive motor eliminate the need for mechanical linkages to drive the cutting unit, allowing the head to float freely over the surface of the green.

The 220 E-Cut Hybrid also offers a cutting unit that steers easily through clean-up cuts to help to reduce stress around the outside of the green.

Earnings program kicks off

Dow AgroSciences has kicked off its 2009-2010 Power of MORE earning program, which allows users of Dow AgroSciences turf and ornamental herbicides, fungicides and insecticides to earn cash rebates on product purchases made through Aug. 31, 2010.

The more customers purchase, the more they earn in rebates. Customers who purchase enough product to earn at least \$500 in base rebates also will receive bonus rebates. There are more than 50 participating products that earn cash rebates for every unit purchased. Users must send in invoices and a completed claim form to qualify. Qualifying products and program guidelines are outlined in a program detailer, which is available online along with other program information at www.PowerofMORE.com.

Compact utility loader

The **Toro Dingo** compact utility loader can help golf course crews do everything from tilling, digging, grading and trenching to snow removal, backfilling, planting and transporting materials. Toro Dingo compact utility loaders offer the versatility to complete all these tasks in less time using less labor.

Known for their lightweight footprint — as low as 3.4 psi on some models — and compact profile and zero-radius turning ability, Toro Dingo compact utility loaders easily op-

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erate in confined areas. This includes around existing landscaping, through tight spaces like gates, and on delicate grounds such as greens and bunkers.

Toro offers a variety of Dingo units with turf-friendly features to accommodate all terrains. Track models include the gas-powered TX 427, available in wide- or narrow-track design; the gas-powered TX 413 narrow-track unit; and the diesel-powered TX 525, available in both wide- and narrow-track designs.

Silicon-enhanced fertilizer

Excellerator from **Excell Minerals** provides a unique blend of micronutrients proven to enhance turf health.

Excellerator is an environmentally friendly, granular product especially designed for golf courses that provides a unique source of soluble silicon, according to the company. It also strengthens turf and enhances resiliency. Ideal for high-traffic areas, Excellerator reduces heat stress and increases tolerance against

toxic elements, according to the company.

With silicon-enhanced Excellerator, the higher-mown turf in the rough tends to stand up instead of roll over under play.

Cover Up

GreenJacket introduces its AFS (Air Flow System) insulation putting green cover, a product the company says reflects the calls for a better method of insulating, while allowing for even better air movement under the GreenJacket Turf Cover.

The AFS (Air Flow System) system is a UV-resistant, non-woven PET staple fiber, bonded with a blend of non-water-soluble acrylic resins. The company says its AFS fabric is designed to its strict specifications to meet its strict requirements, including suspending a snow/ice load of 50 pounds per square foot and allowing air flow to move freely under such a load.

The GreenJacket AFS allows air to transfer passively under the cover all throughout the covered surface.



▲ The latest Verti-Drain

Redexim Charterhouse offers the 7621 Verti-Drain. This latest version expands the range to 18 different models. The 7621 Verti-Drain has a working width of 84 inches with a working depth of up to 16 inches. A hydraulic-tine depth adjustment has been added for operator convenience. The 7621 is a heavier built machine than the existing 7521 and has a faster-working speed for the toughest soil conditions, the company says.

Every Verti-Drain is equipped with maintenance-free, self-lubricated sealed bearings on all pivot points, three-speed gearbox, and the patented parallelogram action. This design gives forced heave to the tines thus producing the shattering effect and relieving compaction.

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