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NEWS, NOTES AND QUOTES



## //GROWTH



## TORO EXPANDING BLOOMINGTON, MINN. HQ

➔ It will be quite a celebration next summer at The Toro Co.'s headquarters.

Not only will the company be celebrating its 100th year in business, but they'll also be toasting a new \$25 million expansion to its headquarters in Bloomington, Minn. The three-story addition will be 75,000 square feet when complete, and be utilized as office space and additional room for testing and new product development.

"We are investing in our Bloomington facility to enable our businesses to continue to meet the needs of our customers," said Michael J. Hoffman,

Toro's chairman and chief executive officer. "With the anticipated growth of our businesses, through ongoing product development and the addition of recent acquisitions taking us into new markets, this investment will help to expand our technical capacity and further the innovation our customers expect.

Toro's office is 400,000 square feet and houses almost 950 employees, research and development and manufacturing space. It has been located in its current location since 1962.

Ryan Company will lead the project, utilizing Toro's line of construction and utility digging equipment.

**"Considering our Bloomington roots go back to 1952, our decision to continue to grow here is a natural choice."**

**MICHAEL J. HOFFMAN** // *Toro Chairman and CEO*

## //HONORS

### BAYER UNVEILS FIRST PLANT HEALTH CLASS

**Bayer Environmental Science** announced its inaugural **Healthy Turf, Healthy Tomorrow** plant health academy. Attendees will be:

**Chad B. Corp, CGCS**

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville, Mich.

**Anthony M. Girardi, CGCS**

Rockrimmon CC, Stamford, Conn.

**Jeffrey E. Holliday, CGCS**

Salisbury CC, Midlothian, Va.

**Ralph J. Kepple, CGCS**

East Lake GC, Atlanta

**Andy Klein**

Falcon Lakes GC, Basehor, Kan.

**Joseph A. Lasher, CGCS**

The Resort at the Mountain, Welches, Ore.

**Eric R. McPherson, CGCS**

Omaha (Neb.) CC

**Matthew H. Miller**

Carey Park GC, Hutchinson, Kan.

**Jeffrey L. Seeman**

Calverton (N.Y.) Links

**Brian J. Stiehler, CGCS**

Highlands (N.C.) CC

**Douglas A. Vogel**

Packanack GC, Wayne, N.J.

**W. Craig Weyandt**

The Moorings Yacht & CC, Vero Beach, Fla.

## //PEOPLE NEWS

### FMC ADDS SLATTER

**FMC Professional Solutions** recently announced the appointment of **Robin Slatter** as director of product development. In this position, Slatter will oversee the development of new products for the U.S. non-crop markets, which include the pest, turf management and nursery/greenhouse industries, both professional and consumer segments. He will also serve on the division's leadership team. Slatter has 35 years experience in product development, technical service, sales, marketing and strategy. Prior to joining FMC, he was Managing Director of the Environmental Science Division at Valent BioSciences.

