

DON'T MISS WTA SUMMER FIELD DAY

Final plans are set for the second annual Wisconsin Turfgrass Association Field Day. The "hands on" event will begin at 9:00 A.M. and run until 4:00 P.M. on August 27 at Oconomowoc Country Club.

Last year, the first of what is now and will be an annual event, was so well received that this year's field day has expanded in terms of distributor and manufacturer displays, as well as more demonstration plots set up by Dr. Gayle Worf and Dr. Bob Newman. Lots of planning and work by Ed Devinger have laid the groundwork for a successful and educational day. WGCSA member Harvey Miller has been very gracious to offer his golf course as a site for the field day and he has been helpful to everyone — researchers, exhibitors and WTA organizers — involved in making the day instructive and productive for those in attendance.

Try to keep this day open on your calendar. Lunch and refreshments will be included in the registration fee and there will be plenty of activity to make it a full day. Details and registration forms will be forthcoming from the WTA.



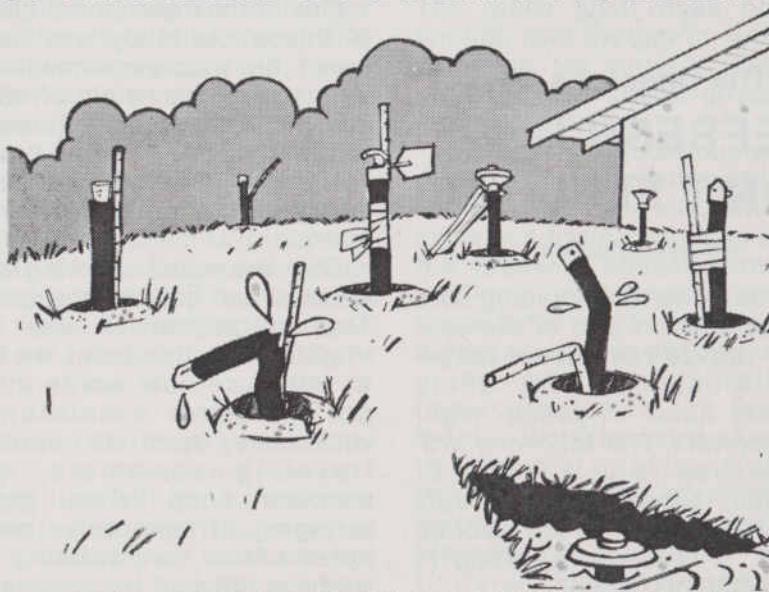
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An Objective Study RESEARCHER CAN'T FIND ILLNESS/ PESTICIDE LINK

With all the legal actions and publicity by people who say they have been harmed by chemicals, surely university researchers could prove the relationship between health problems and pesticides. Not so, according to Dr. Vern Dobson, a professor of Preventative Medicine at the University of Wisconsin — Madison!

In eight years of research, Dobson was unable to link health problems with pesticides. Dobson conducted two studies, one which

lasted three years with 500 orchard growers in Michigan. The second study, which lasted five years, was with the Mayo Clinic for employees of Libby Foods in Minnesota. Other than cases of unusual circumstances, — for example, undiluted pesticides being spilled on an individual, Dobson reported, "We didn't come up with anything."

The UW—Madison medical researcher did not discount that some health risks are real. For example, asbestos has now been found to cause cancer. But he does point out that poisons are all around us, many occurring naturally.

"The way to solve a problem is not to hook the two things together with a preconceived idea," he said. That situation, unfortunately, is all too often the case when local bans are proposed.