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Sampling of How It Works:

Topic: Japanese Beetles (1 of 8), Read 109 times
Conf: Pest Management
From: John MacKenzie jmackenzie426@msn.com
Date: Tuesday, March 05, 2002 10:09 AM

What are Superintendents doing about this soon to be troubling pest? Wall to wall? Timing? Product? I remember a few years back when I was treating for the Black ataenius. Seemed to help, but just one more thing to do! Anybody have problems with the Japanese Beetle? Thanks, Jack MacKenzie North Oaks Golf Club

Topic: Japanese Beetles (2 of 8), Read 101 times
Conf: Pest Management
From: Kevin Clunis kctbrook@earthlink.net
Date: Wednesday, March 06, 2002 08:30 AM

Jack,

Keep those critters on your course! Don't drop off any on your way home! I have not seen any Japanese Beetles nor their damage. Dealing with other problem pests here at Tanners, but nothing a Stahl or Jonsred couldn't take care of.

--Kevin

Topic: Japanese Beetles (3 of 8), Read 96 times
Conf: Pest Management
From: Jeff Johnson pepperdgirl@aol.com
Date: Thursday, March 07, 2002 08:03 AM

The seminar on Wednesday covered this topic quite extensively. Chris Williamson did an excellent job explaining this pest and how to control them. We have been dealing with the Japanese Beetle for the past two years. If you want to avoid bringing large amounts of beetles to your property do not trap. One trap can be

used for monitoring but mass trapping is not recommended.

And this is speaking from experience. Last year we sprayed wall to wall with Mach II. We did not receive the results that we were expecting. We had to follow up treatments surrounding the fairways with Dylox. This year I plan on using Merit. This is a faster working product on the grubs and once it is active with the grubs they will die quickly. Thus reducing the amount of foraging that the raccoons and crows will do.

Last spring we laid 11 pallets of sod to repair the damage from the previous fall damage. The majority of our damage was located on the edges of our fairways (in the intermediate rough) and on green and tee banks.

The feeling one has when you see the devastation is terrible. Every morning you come in wondering where the next spot will be.

This is a problem that we will need to deal with every year.

-- Jeff

Topic: Japanese Beetles (5 of 8), Read 85 times
Conf: Pest Management
From: Tom Proshek bcbgolf18@aol.com
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Jack to answer your question on time to apply the chemical. Chris Williamson stated numerous times that timing is everything with the control of the Japanese Beetles. Adults usually emerge around July 4th, lay eggs during the next 2-3 weeks and it is during this time your chemical needs to be in the soil (best control during 1st instar). He suggested later part of June (Merit) and MUST water this chemical in, has residual of 120 days.

Also, great speech. Do you perform any cultural practices to greens thru out the year? (brush dragging, verti-cut, spiking etc.)

-- Tom

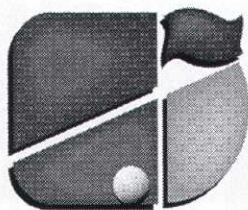
Topic: Japanese Beetles (7 of 8), Read 77 times
Conf: Pest Management
From: Tom Proshek bcbgolf18@aol.com
Date: Friday, March 08, 2002 11:46 AM

Jack,

Don't know as of yet if I will treat. We had the traps out here two years ago and had no Japanese Beetles, however last year I started to see more crows digging into the soil (for the grubs) so I am going to watch closely this year. Thanks for the continued info on aeration. May give you a call this summer to visit your course if that's ok?

Tom

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