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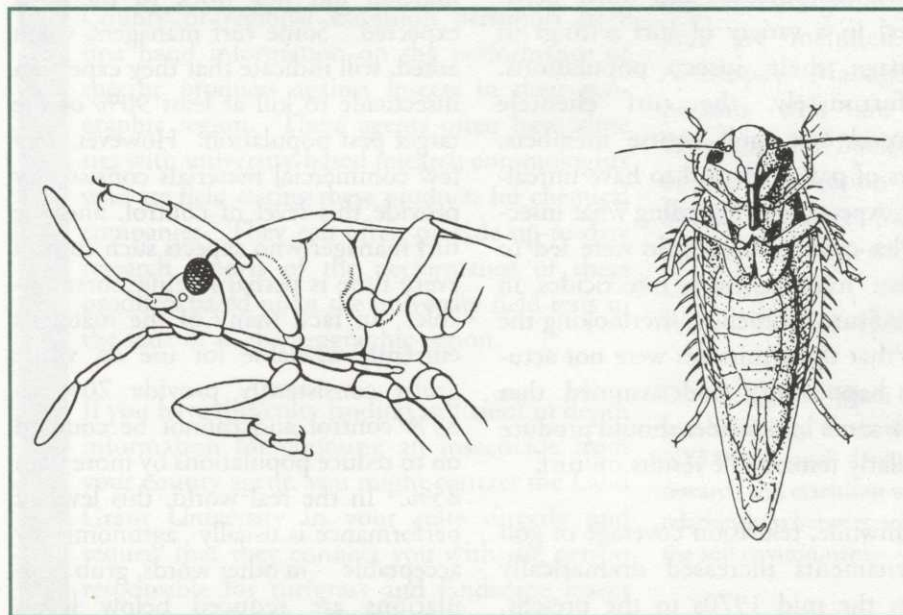
Maximizing Insect Control with Insecticide Applications

Part One: What Insecticides Can and Cannot Do

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Turfgrass managers are under increasing pressure to provide "perfect" turf. The slightest blemish, whether caused by an insect, a pathogen, or a weed, can lead clients or golf course members to demand pest-free turf. Some people even seem to believe that turf managers have enough options to guarantee "pest free" turfgrass. Nothing could be further from the truth!

This is the first in a series of articles which will examine the role of insecticides in turf management. This first article will focus on what insecticides can and cannot do (reasonable expectations, reasons why they sometimes appear to fail). Subsequent articles will look at general properties of insecticides, environmental issues, and strategies for selecting the "best" management approaches for insect pest problems.



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