

Question & Answer-Turf Tec Digest

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An alert Turf-Tec Digest reader worked out the question my father asked some 57 years ago. Here is the question posed along with the answer, thanks Ed!

Q: It has been shown that 53,000 worms in an acre can cover the surface with three inches of soil in fifteen years. We do not feel inclined to calculate the exact number of worm-hours, which would be required to top-dress a green, but have presented the figures in case some ambitious person would like to work it out.

A. By Ed Bylica, Sports Turf Manager, Ft. Lauderdale Stadium:
(15 years)(24 hrs)(365 days)(53000 worms)= 6,964,200,000 worm hours—but if the worms were city workers????

Also some interesting factors to consider.

- 1— only 25% would work
- 2— 870,525,000 days which include 1 hour lunch break 2- 15 min breaks
- 3— then there is union business on company time
- 4— injury /sick/personal leave/comp. time/vacation/jury duty/ light duty
- 5— city daily bureaucracy 2 hrs / day
- 6— possibility of a worm work slow down (can't strike) — worms slowing down, now that's good humor——now figure that out????

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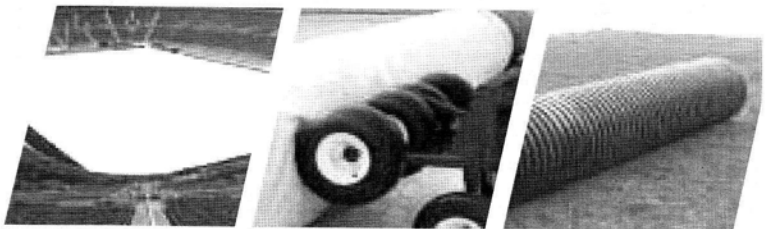
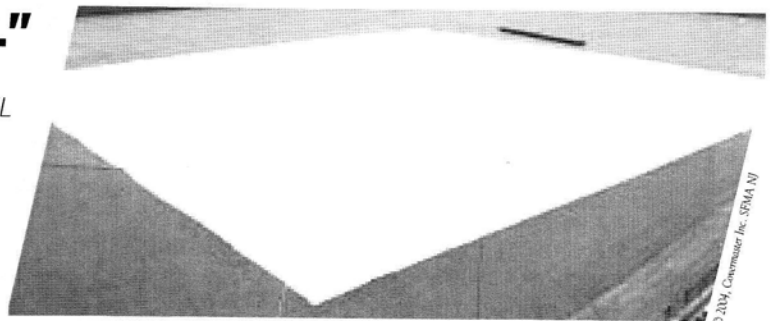
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