

## Aerate or Power Rake turf before you spray or spread weed killers, pesticides, insecticides

Both aerating and power raking open turf so chemicals get into the soil or surface mat faster. You'll also get better chemical coverage...lose less in the air...lose less to run-off from watering or sprinkling. You benefit—and your customers get the double benefit of aerating or power raking plus chemical control!

### Ryan Motoraire self-propelled aerator



- Covers up to 10,000 sq. ft. per hour
- Pulls uniform, deep soil cores on 6" centers

### Ryan Ren-O-Thin Power Rake

- Cuts through surface thatch
- High speed reel with long-length cutting blades
- Center-mounted engine equalizes weight, minimizes vibration
- Wheel scrapers help maintain cutting depth you set



### Ryan Lawnaire aerates and slices, attaches to garden tractor



- Choice of tines lets you aerate (like Motoraire above) or slice (aerate without removing cores)
- Riding seat is optional

Better turf preparation means better results from chemicals—and you can mechanize the job with golf course proved—golf course approved Ryan equipment. Write for details:

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## Circular Outlines Method For Control of Nutsedge (Nutgrass)

Agronomists at North Carolina State have concluded that it may be impossible to get rid of nutsedge (nutgrass), but it is possible to control it. Their findings appear in a new circular which outlines control procedures.

The agronomists, A. D. Worsam, G. C. Klingman and R. P. Upchurch, say that nutsedge can be controlled "with properly timed applications of chemical weedkillers." They also proceed to outline the proper chemical weedkillers to use, when and how to use them.

Also listed are steps to be taken to control nutsedge in specific crops, as well as in lawns and flowerbeds. The agronomists point out that dense shade and repeated tillage, as well as chemicals, can be used to control the pest.

Free copies of Circular 452 on controlling nutsedge are available from the Department of Agricultural Information at North Carolina State, Raleigh, N. C.

## Rutgers Turfgrass Field Days

Rutgers University's annual Turfgrass Field Days will be held at the University, New Brunswick, N. J., on the following dates:

Aug. 12—Lawn and Utility Turf.

Aug. 13—Golf and Fine Turf.

Tours start at 10:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. each day. Individual inspections of the plots are invited before or after the tours. All interested turfmen may attend.

## Omega Fertilizer Is Leased

Kerr-McGee Oil Industries, Inc., Oklahoma City, has leased the facilities of the Omega Fertilizer Works. John D. McLeod, who has operated Omega, will manage the business for Kerr-McGee and will initiate an expanded fertilizer production and marketing program.

The fertilizer firm has plants in Omega and Tifton, Ga.

## Trimmings

**Back to School.** It was back to the classroom for landscape architect Kenneth W. Larsen, of Albuquerque, N.M., recently. But this time the well-known landscaper went as teacher, not as student. Ken was one of the lecturers at the New Mexico Landscape Design Course held last month on the campus at New Mexico State University, College Park. Now a consultant in land planning, Larsen's chief interest in recent years has been in city planning (he was associate planner for the city of Albuquerque from 1957 to 1959). We're sure delegates all profited from this veteran landscaper's comments!

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**Time on Their Hands.** *Spraymen and custom lawn maintenance supervisors will be interested in the apparent paradox that while the American public's leisure time is growing, it doesn't necessarily mean every citizen is going to start looking after his own lawn. As a matter of fact, trends are to greater utilization of nonworking hours for such pleasant pursuits as bowling and boating, we gathered from a recent news release. Since 1850, the average worker's leisure time per week has grown from 42 to 74 hours. At the same time, the report says, expenditures for recreation have skyrocketed, as have the average number of hours spent weekly in pleasure driving. Moral of all this, we suppose, is that while the masses hie themselves to parks and lakes for fun-filled outings, our hard-working readers will be back at home, carefully looking after the lawns!*

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**Gentle Prompter.** St. Louis is getting set to celebrate its bicentennial, and City Commissioner of Forestry Edward J. Schrader is determined his metropolis on the Mississippi will look its best for the event. He recently urged residents to "lay out the green carpet" for visitors by sowing grass in vacant lots to help eliminate weed growths. And Mr. Schrader backed up this suggestion with the gentle reminder that any citizen who fails to keep weeds "cut down to size" will be issued summonses by the police. St. Louis city officials are empowered by law to cut weeds at the property owner's expense if weeds are allowed to get out of hand, and we heartily endorse Commissioner Schrader's determination to keep St. Louis green yet free of weedy eyesores!

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**Hot Tip.** *Another encouraging note for weed control applicators: an official in Nebraska has officially warned the public that burning is an antiquated and dangerous way to remove weeds. Not only that, but it's almost pointless, the Nebraskan says, since the weeds merely grow back. While we and our readers take this for granted, it's good to know that potential customers are getting the message, too, that weed control is a matter for professionals!*