

Design "Professional" Package for Diamond's Dacthal W-50

Dacthal W-50, Diamond Alkali Company's preemergence herbicide, is now available in 24-lb. packages for convenient use by professional turf management personnel, nurseries, and other bulk applicators.

Dacthal controls annual grasses and broadleaf weeds, including crabgrass.

The 50% wettable formulation was highly successful in comprehensive tests conducted through-

out the country, at federal, state, and private research facilities, Diamond claims.

Dacthal also offers compatibility with lawn food, and safety for desirable turf, ornamental shrubs, trees, and flowers, the company maintains.

Applicators wishing more information about the new professional formulation and package may write to the Diamond Alkali Company, Agricultural Chemicals Div., 300 Union Commerce Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

Trimming

Arboreal urban renewal. Does the arborist play a part in urban renewal? Absolutely! We were sidewalk-superintending the construction of Cleveland's new downtown skyscraper, Erieview Plaza, recently when we noticed a crew, some trees, and a truck from the Charles F. Irish Company moving onto the scene. The Irish firm operates both in Detroit and Cleveland, we learned, and this particular crew, under foreman Earl Socia, was from the Detroit office. They'd journeyed all the way to Cleveland to install 52 sugar maples around the lengthy pool which will reflect this new skyscraper from a landscaped plaza of several acres. Unable to chat very long with our new acquaintance, since everyone looked very busy and official, we still couldn't help but note the efficiency with which the crew was planting the large maples, which will surely be a source of comfort on hot days next summer!

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What's my lime? News from a Wisconsin conference of fertilizer and lime dealers is that someday computers may "gobble up soil test results" and automatically report the proper amount of lime and fertilizer to use on lawns, trees, and various crops. We trust these machines will be impartial in their recommendations, and that they'll lay it on the lime without fear of disagreement from more human judges of soil needs!

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Two nursery experts get life. Two Floridians, both expert horticulturists, are currently enjoying the first year of lifetime honorary membership in the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association. Dr. J. R. Beckenbach, director of the University of Florida's Agricultural Experiment Station, and Mark B. Jordan, vocational agricultural leader at the Florida State Prison, were so honored not too long ago. Dr. Beckenbach was cited for his work directing the ag station, and Jordan for his rehabilitation of prisoners through horticultural vocation training. We congratulate both on notable achievements!

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Booze in the blight. What next? A communiqué just crossed our desk which indicates that alcohol, in moderation, may help defeat one of the most widespread and devastating enemies of crop production in the world, a root rot fungus known as *armillaria mellea*. Apparently experiments with ethyl alcohol at the University of California reveal that a few stiff belts during the growing season can do much to give the fungus DT's, or at least speed the ailment towards extinction. Barring any unforeseen developments, this might make some farmers more cordial towards use of alcohol, although we suppose it will be necessary to offer adequate proof that the technique is truly deserving of our cheers!

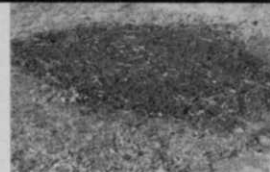
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