



Single power source on the Royer Powerscreen 42 actuates the screen deck to sift soil, and hooks up with a conveyor belt which can be elevated to discharge height convenient for loading or stockpiling.

Fine Soil Combination Unit Named Powerscreen 42

An assembly that combines a vibrating screen deck and an elevating conveyor to operate from one power source is now available from Royer Foundry & Machine Co.

Called the Powerscreen 42, the device is designed for preparation of uniformly fine, homogeneous, trash-free top dressing and planting mixtures.

Vibrating action of the screen is produced by an enclosed eccentric, transmitting 1600 cycles-per-minute. Eight coiled springs under the screen deck alternately

store and release this energy to achieve a smooth steady screen rhythm. The unit's over 17 sq. ft. of woven steel-wire screen surface pass processed soil directly onto an elevating conveyor. Utilizing a 16-inch wide troughing-type rubber belt, sealed to prevent leakage, the conveyor assembly extends 12 ft. for truck loading or stockpiling.

Power units available are either a 5 h.p. gasoline engine, or a 3 h.p. electric motor. For additional information on the new screen-conveyor combination, request bulletin PS-42 from Royer Foundry & Machine Co., Kingston, Pa.

Outlines Betasan Data

An 8-page illustrated booklet describing weed control for lawns with Betasan, a selective preemergence herbicide, is now available.

Drawings of 9 annual weeds controlled by Betasan, and explanations of how the herbicide affects weeds at germination, are included in the information piece.

Titled "Betasan Control for Crabgrass and *Poa annua* in Greens and Turf," the publication has a table giving application rates and a special section on golf courses. Copies of the booklet are available from Stauffer Chemical Co., 380 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017.



Markal "B" makes a permanent, legible mark on both rough and smooth-bark trees, according to the producer. The paintstick is said to be effective in hot or cold, wet or dry weather. It comes in 10 colors, ideal for color coding. For a free sample write to Markal Co., 250 N. Washtenaw Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60612.

Decided. When officers of the Northeastern Weed Control Conference, who had just about decided the Astor Hotel in New York City was a mighty fine place to hold their annual meetings, learned the Astor would not be available in '67 because it was to be torn down, they set out to find another location. Some thought the conference should be held away from the Big City, but most agreed that Manhattan has overwhelming advantages to most delegates. Its easy accessibility, wide selection of eating places, and proximity to the headquarters of many chemical companies won out. The "search" committee decided upon the Hotel Commodore at 42nd and Lexington Avenues. Dates are January 4-6.

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A break for CAs? The upcoming pending amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act will set increasing minimum wages for employees in firms using more than 500 man-days of labor in any quarter during the previous calendar year. No piece-work rates will be allowed which pay an employee less than the to-be-established minimums per hour. Also, the amendments will require payment of time and one half for overtime. This latter requirement may be a real backbreaker for contract applicators whose on-the-road service employees can pretty well pace themselves, and may have to juggle working hours to suit their clients. CAs should obtain legislative relief so that their men would be completely exempted from the overtime provisions on the basis that they work without supervision and sometimes are off in distant places, etc. We understand this same problem faces other "independent workers," such as routemen for soft drink manufacturers, and that well-organized companies in these fields are attempting to get the Labor Dept. to give them relief on this provision. The contract vegetation maintenance and control field should watch these developments carefully. Wouldn't it be nice if there were a national association of spraymen who could have a representative in Washington to speak for their interests?

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"Biggest Ever." Another record-breaking convention is coming up, this one by the American Association of Nurserymen at the Palmer House in Chicago, July 16-20. General convention chairman, Elmer Palmgren, says they'll have the largest exhibit of commercial products in history. The formal program is centered around "Management Opportunities"—understanding insurance, how to sell better, how to handle credit, what customers want, etc. And, of course, there'll be the past presidents' banquet and dance with headline entertainment.

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