

USDA Plans 3-Year Program For Training Applicators

A series of 12 or 13 regional training sessions for pesticide applicators is being planned by the Federal Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture under its new Pesticide Safety Program. Northeastern, Western, and Southern regions will each host the full series during the next three years at various sites to allow applicators within a region to attend a school at a place convenient to their homes.

Dr. L. C. Gibbs, agricultural chemicals coordinator at the Federal Extension Service, hopes the three-year federal impetus will prompt a continuation of these schools by regional associations. Curriculum for each session will include uses of fungicides and herbicides, aerial application, equipment, toxicity determinations, safe handling of pesticides, and subjects of ground applications as well as structural pest control.

Schools are open to aerial ap-

plicators, arborists, turfmen, pest control operators, chemical company representatives, and others interested in pesticide operations. USDA officials have budgeted sums ranging from \$100,000 to \$125,000 to each region for instructors and materials to be used in these training sessions.

Information about the pesticide training schools, including dates for sessions at various sites within each region, is available from coordinators in each district. Those interested in the schools can contact the extension pesticide coordinator at their state university or one of these appropriate regional directors: Northeastern: Dr. James E. Dewey, Extension Program Leader, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850; Southern: Dr. Jack D. Price, Agricultural Chemicals Leader, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77841; Western: Dr. John E. Swift, State Coordinator, Pesticides, Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. 94720.

Missouri Turfmen to Confer, Sept. 28-29

All phases of turf management for general interests and golf course operations are on tap for the Seventh Annual Missouri Lawn and Turf Conference, set for Sept. 28-29, in Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Missouri, Columbia. The Missouri Valley Turfgrass Association, organized last year to support a more active and vital turf program in Missouri, will hold its first annual meeting in connection with the conference.

Program emphasis will be on bringing up-to-date information to the common problems of turfmen. Open to anyone interested in turf, this year's meeting carries a \$10 registration fee, which includes the evening banquet on Sept. 28 and lunch on Sept. 29. For further information, write Dr. Delbert Hemphill, professor of horticulture, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. 65201.



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