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Emerald Valley has also worked very closely with county agricultural agents throughout southeastern Michigan and with the Soil and Science Department at Michigan State University.

One high point at Emerald Valley was July 12, 1967, when Daymon and his staff hosted more than 100 university department heads, county agricultural agents and commercial sod producers from throughout the United States and Canada. Occasion was a Michigan State University-sponsored 2-day event at nearby Lansing, the better part of one day being spent at Emerald Valley.

### New Brushkiller Available For Spraymen

Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., has developed a new brush control preparation, Diamond Special Brush and Weed Killer No. 345. A wettable powder, it contains non-volatile 2,4-D, DSMA (Disodium Methanearsonate) and a surfactant or wetting agent.

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For application, the powder is mixed with water (25 pounds per 100 gallons) and agitated continuously during preparation and application. The prepared liquid is applied as a drenching spray at a rate of 100 to 300 gallons per acre, depending on brush density.

The company suggests use of the new material on railroad and utility rights of way, roadsides, riverbanks, farm fence rows, and similar non-crop areas. Availability of the new product should help with the shortage of brush control agents brought about by government purchase of almost all 2,4,5-T produced in the U.S.A.



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