

## Meeting Dates



**Midwestern Nurserymen's Summer Meeting**, Zelenka Evergreen Nursery, Grand Haven, Mich., August 13-14.

**Third International Peat Congress**, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada. Aug. 19-23.

**Golf Course Superintendents Field Day**, Turfgrass Field House, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I., Aug. 21.

**1968 Turfgrass Field Day**, Pennsylvania State University, Joseph Valentine Turfgrass Research Center, Campus, noon August 21-noon August 22.

**Hawaii 4th Annual Turfgrass Management Conference**, Punahou School Campus, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 21-24.

**Lawn and Utility Turf Field Day**, Turfgrass Field House, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, R. I., Aug. 22.

**Turfgrass Field Days**, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, V.P.I. Turf Plots, Blacksburg, Va., noon Sept. 4-noon Sept. 5.

**Turfgrass Field Day**, Michigan State University, Traverse City Country Club, Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 4.

**Maryland Lawn and Turf Show**, University of Maryland Campus, College Park, Md., Sept. 7.

**Western Street Tree Symposium, 11th Annual**, University of California, Santa Cruz, Calif., Sept. 11.

**Turfgrass Management Conference**, Florida Turfgrass Association, Ramada Inn, Gainesville, Fla., Oct. 8-10.

**Southern California Equipment and Materials Educational Exposition**, City Park, Lynwood, Calif., Oct. 16-17.

**Industrial Weed Control Conference, 3rd Annual**, Texas A&M University, Memorial Student Center, College Station, Tex., Oct. 20-22.

**American Society of Agronomy, 1968 Annual National Meeting**, Jung and Roosevelt Hotels, New Orleans, La., Nov. 10-15.

**National Aerial Applicators Association, Annual Meeting**, Dunes Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 1-4.

**Illinois Turfgrass Conference**, Illinois Turfgrass Foundation, Inc., Building Auditorium, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill., Dec. 5-6.

## UCR Project Aids Farmers and Herbicide Industry

Results of a University of California Riverside project—to hasten development and use of safer and more effective weed-killing compounds for a broad range of Southern California crops—indicate forthcoming benefits to California farmers and to the herbicide industry.

Conducted by scientists from three agricultural departments and the Agricultural Extension Service at UCR, the program is supported by the chemical industry. In recent years, they point out, new herbicides have been released for commercial use before being adequately tested and screened.

The UCR program intends to better evaluate new herbicides and to get them ready sooner for use by farmers, to help avoid losses caused by herbicide damage and to coordinate herbicide research on all major crops. In turn, the chemical industry will receive early notice as to which of its new compounds show the best potential for development as herbicides for S. California crops.

Sixty-two herbicides from 18 chemical companies were applied last fall to plots of various types of vegetables. Weeds were sown into each crop plot to ensure that the weed-killing capacity of the applied herbicide would actually be tested.

After test results are evaluated, a special committee decides what further research should be conducted on the best-performing herbicides.

The project has already produced impressive results, according to its participants. For example, performance of one developmental-stage compound has surpassed that of herbicides currently regarded as best for weed control in S. California lettuce fields. Other new compounds being tested are showing unusual selectivity in plots of vegetable and field crops.

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