

Aquatic Weed Program Set For July 9-12

Industry people concerned with aquatic weed control will meet July 9-12 at Miami, Fla., for the annual meeting of the Hyacinth Control Society. The Society is dedicated to control of all noxious weeds.

The program will include a field tour of the Aquatic Research Laboratory at Ft. Lauderdale. This lab is an arm of the USDA Agricultural Research Service, and has experienced considerable growth and change within the last two years.

Formal phases of the program will include technical papers on aquatic weed control and water management by leaders in the field. A special program is also planned for both wives and children.

Headquarters will be the Miami Springs Villas—Kings Inn, Miami. Reservations can be made directly with the hotel and convention rates are \$14.50, single or double.

Traditionally, the Society welcomes non-members and extends a special invitation to anyone interested in this phase of the weed control industry. All types of aquatic weed control are featured on the program, including chemical, biological, and mechanical.

More details are available from Society president, Robert J. Gates, Box 508, Floral City, Fla. 32636.

Penn State Fertilizer Tests Indicate Good Results

IBDU, a synthetic organic turfgrass fertilizer being tested on experimental plots, has produced good results, both in grass vigor and green color, says Dr. Donald V. Waddington, associate professor of soil science at Penn State.

He believes that IBDU is a useful addition to the list of slowly available nitrogen products for long term maintenance of turfgrasses. IBDU is available commercially, both as a single material and as a component in other turfgrass fertilizers.

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