Pesticide Act To Highlight Weed Science Convention

Details of the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act of 1972 will highlight the annual meeting of the Weed Science Society of America in Atlanta, February 6-8.

David P. Dominick, assistant administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency will provide complete review on this important new law that affects both the private applicator and the certified applicator. He will speak during the first day of the session, Monday, Feb. 6.

Also scheduled during the first day's meeting will be an opening address on "The Role of A Professional Society" by WSSA President R. P. Upchurch of Monsanto Chemical Co.; two talks covering the role of herbicides in a modern society; and a presentation by Under secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell on "American Diet: The Shift From Bread and Potatoes to High Protein."

February 7 and 8, half-day meetings are scheduled to discuss a wide variety of weed control topics. Among the topics scheduled are two discussions on turf care, another session covering aquatic weed control and a presentation by Dr. P. L. Klingman of USDA on "Non-herbicide Weed Control." Included in that discussion will be control of weeds by insects, fish, flaming and several other possible methods for weed control without chemicals.

A ladies' day program during the meeting will include tours of attractions such as Underground Atlanta and special addresses on a variety of topics.

Anyone interested in weed science and control is invited to attend the session, according to Dr. Earl Rogers of the University of Florida, program chairman. Further details are available from Dr. Rogers at the Agronomy Dept., College of Agriculture, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., 32601. Details for local accommodations for the meeting are available from L. S. W. Hauser, Tifton Georgia Experiment Station, USDA, Tifton, Ga., 31794.

The three-day meeting will be held at Atlanta's Regency Hyatt House.

Crop Protection Chemicals Division Formed By Agrico

A crop protection chemicals division has been formed by Agrico Chemical Company.

It is estimated that in 1971 the

value of crop protection chemicals consumed was \$1,600,000,000 at grower price," said John F. Babbitt, president of Agrico." The value of fertilizer materials consumed totaled about \$2,550,000,000. Thus the value of crop protection chemicals consumed in the relatively young industry were approximately 63% of the value of all fertilizer materials.

"Agrico is setting up this important and specialized division to provide our dealers and customers with their requirements for crop protection chemicals and associated technical services." Babbitt said.

Banvel X Pellets Registered By EPA

A Federal label for Banvel X-P pellets is now registered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Manufactured by Velsicol Chemical Corporation, Banvel herbicides controls a broad spectrum of broadleaf weeds, as well as several brush species which were reistant to previously used brush killers.

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