

Proper Use Of Pesticides Outlined At WSSA

D. L. Mick of the University of Iowa, told members of the Weed Science Society of America that the burden for proper use of pesticides ultimately rests with the individuals who use them. This is true, he stated, even though the user has no control over such factors as number of pesticides on the market, or their toxicity, concentration, formulation and biodegradability.

Current public disenchantment

with pesticides, Mick stated, will undoubtedly result in products that are safer to use, and ones with fewer adverse effects on the environment.

The major thrust for promoting proper use to date, has been by education and regulation, and when education fails, regulations are inevitable. Both are necessary methods, he said, but added that both our private and public educational efforts have failed to varying degrees, resulting in more regulations.

Educational efforts aimed at pro-

moting proper pesticide use must be an integral part of any situation involving these chemicals, Mick stated. To do otherwise, will undoubtedly result in further restrictions of those products which have been so beneficial for modern agriculture.

Phase IV Price Controls Rules On Sod Production

As a result of efforts by ASPA, the Cost of Living Council has issued a statement as regards Phase IV price controls and their relationship to sod production. The Council has stated that the production of grass involves a raw agricultural product and is therefore exempt from Phase IV price controls.

However, they have likewise ruled that sod installation is determined by the Cost of Living Council and must be considered "landscaping service" and therefore within the definition of construction operations.

The small business exemption of 60 employees or less does not apply to sod installation unless the annual sales and revenue from sod installation are less than \$1,000,000.

It is likely that most ASPA members would fall under the \$1,000,000 maximum income from sod installation, says Bill Harding, ASPA counsel. Exemption under both types of operations (production and installation) could be claimed as far as price controls are concerned.

Golf Course Builders Elect New Officers

Frank A. Underwood has become the fifth president of the Golf Course Builders of America.

Underwood heads the Underwood Golf Course Construction Co., of Bowie, Texas, and has been building golf courses for 14 years. He served as GCBA's president-elect in 1973, and assumed the top elected spot in the golf trade group at its third annual dinner in Anaheim, Calif.

Other new GCBA officers are: President-Elect: Lyle Thompson of Culpeper, Va., a vice president of Moore Golf Inc.; Vice President: J. R. Costin of Charlotte, N.C., president of E. H. Coffey & Associates; Secretary: Eugene M. Witter of Findlay, Ohio, a sales executive of Hancor Inc.; and Treasurer: Eugene M. Brown of Greenville, N.C., vice president of Hendrix & Dail.

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