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LETTERS

Rebuttal

We are writing with regard to the first item reported in the "Government News" section of your February issue.

The facts in this instance are quite different than you

imply. We give you below a summary:

1. Nowhere in the entire file does the word "inferior" appear; this is evidently the result of perfunctory literary license. The fact is that the people of The United States received \$8.92 excess value in the seed lots concerned.

2. The actual amount of the settlement attributable to the Maryland instance was \$305.56; not \$2,750.00.

Inasmuch as The United States and Seaboard — and I quote "consented to the entry of this final judgment herein without trial or adjudication of any issue or fact or law herein and without admission of any liability on the part of said defendent in respect of any such issue" it would seem the item was published with questionable intent, rather than as information of use and interest to your readers.

Also, we are completely puzzled by your publishing this item without any attempt to contact us prior to publication in order to determine the veracity of the statements contained therein.

> Alan Henry Hirch Vice President— Marketing Seaboard Seed Co. Bristol, Ill.

Ed. Note: Our apologies. It is never our intention to misconstrue the news. Obviously, there was an error made in interpretation by our reporter.

Thanks

I have received copies of your publication for which please accept my thanks. I have found it most helpful, and especially enjoyed your article in the April issue "OSHA-EPA."

Vito Russo Landscape Superintendent Cresthaven Enterprises, Inc. Pompano Beach, Fla.

Error

An error occurred in my recent article "Understanding Slow-Release Nitrogen," which may lead to confusion. The caption for Figure 2 states IBDU was applied at 6 lb/N100 ft.². This is incorrect and should read 6 lb./N1000 ft.²

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