

Industry News

EPA approves elm disease fungicide

EPA has approved a new fungicide, 'Arbotect' 20-s, for the control of Dutch elm disease.

Manufactured by Merck, Inc., the fungicide is recommended as part of a comprehensive program to combat the disease. According to Dr. Ronald Landis, manager of agricultural chemical development for Merck, the fungicide is helpful in preventing the spread of the disease and can also help control the disease in newly-infected trees, "as long as the disease isn't too far advanced."

Irrigation home study course is published

The Irrigation Association and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have announced the publication of a new correspondence course on basic irrigation techniques.

The course was developed at the University of Nebraska through a grant from the Irrigation Association. Planning and development, which took two years, was carried out by University personnel working with the Association's correspondence course committee.

For more information write to the Irrigation Association, 13975 Connecticut Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20906.

Black vine weevil project progresses

First year findings of the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center's black vine weevil control program show success in developing techniques designed to discover the life cycle of the insect.

OARDC entomologists also carried out the first stages of insecticide screening aimed at finding replacements for the chlorinated hydrocarbon insecticides.

The goal of the three-year pro-

gram, funded by the Lake County, Ohio Nurserymen's Association and the Ohio Nurserymen's Association, is to provide nurserymen with a black vine weevil control recommendation that is safe and effective. The project is limited to the use of conventional pesticides.

NACA is cited for public relations

The National Agricultural Chemicals Association was named winner of the Public Relations Society of America's Silver Anvil Award for the most outstanding public relations program during 1976 in the public service category.

The national Silver Anvil Awards are presented to public relations programs which demonstrate professional performance, sound public relations objectives and philosophy, and the highest standards of production, presentation, execution and results.

Costle, Bush discuss pesticide problems

EPA Administrator Donald Costle met recently with representatives of agricultural pesticide users, including Ray Brush of AAN. The purpose of the meeting was to express industry concerns, problems and suggestions for improvement. "Specialty use" registration of pesticides, EPA's interpretation that the "label is in the law," and the need for a scientifically-based national cancer policy were among the topics noted by Costle for review.

Scholarship offered for landscape design

The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. has announced a \$25,000 endowed national scholarship in landscape design in honor of Robert H. Rucker, professor of

horticultural sciences at Texas A&M University.

The new Rucker scholarship will be awarded for the first time in May 1978, as the eleventh continuing scholarship provided by the National Council in the amount of \$1-500 each. Students from all states are eligible to compete and a screening committee will make final selections.

OMC to discontinue Pioneer Chain Saws

Outboard Marine Corp. announced that the manufacture of Pioneer Chain Saws will be discontinued when the present production schedule is completed this fall.

OMC President Charles D. Strag said "in this increasingly competitive price market, we have determined that it is unlikely that we can achieve sufficient volume to generate adequate earnings."

Sales of chain saws and parts constituted only 3.3 percent, or \$19,-108,000 of OMC's 1976 total sales of \$582 million, and the company has reported losses from chain saw operations in most of its recent years.

Canadian firm OK'd for Toro production

Toro has licensed Outdoor Product Mfg. Ltd., a subsidiary of NOMA Industries, Ltd., of Scarborough, Ontario, to manufacture for the Canadian market selected Toro products.

The licensing agreement was announced by John C. Norton, Toro executive vice president-international/distributing, and in Toronto by Thomas Beck, NOMA's president and chief executive officer. NOMA Industries, Canada's largest manufacturer of flexible wire products, acquired Outdoor Products Mfg. three years ago.