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Besides the heavy duty 72" rotary deck, other attachments include 60" flail mower, 72" dozer blade, 72" rotary broom, and a powerful 60" snow thrower to keep it working the year around.

Watch for a field demo or write for free literature and Distributor's name. Call toll-free (800) 835-3260; in Kansas or Canada, call (316) 327-4911 collect. EXCEL HUSTLER turf and groundskeeping equipment is built right by Excel Industries, Inc., Box 727, Hesston, Kansas 67062.

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SOD FIELD DAYS INCLUDE VISIT TO SCOTTS, PRINCETON

Members of the American Sod Producers Association will visit two of their largest suppliers during the 13th Annual Summer Convention and Field Days at Columbus, Ohio this month.

Both O.M. Scott & Sons and Princeton Manufacturing (part of Eastside Nursery) have played major roles in the development of the sod industry.

These tours are an expansion of the field days last summer in Washington and Idaho where the sod producers saw first-hand seed production at Jacklin Seed Co.

O.M. Scotts has a very large research center in Marysville, OH, fifteen miles from Columbus. Sod producers will see acres of test plots for improved turf seed and the labs where Scotts develops new turfgrass varieties, fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides. The sod producers will be able to see every major type of turfgrass type on the market or in development at Scotts sun and shade plots.

Princeton Manufacturing Co. is an example of a sod producer expanding into a multidimensional corporation. Eastside Nursery, Inc., was founded in 1947 as a landscape company. Within five years Eastside was growing and selling its own sod and performing turfgrass research. Expansion has led to more than 2,000 acres of sod and nursery stock, a retail garden division and Princeton Manufacturing Co., maker of sod harvesting equipment. Princeton will unveil three new products at the field days demonstrations.

For a look at honesty in seed labeling, sod producers will visit Seed Technology in Marysville, one of the few seed verification laboratories in the U.S. Owner Dale Kern will explain the real differences in germination, weed seed and inert matter content, and seed label terminology. Kern will soon announce a proposal to improve the reliability of seed labels as verified by seed testing laboratories.

German Village where ladies can shop for antiques (top). Research Center at O. M. Scott & Sons in Marysville (right).



A highlight of this year's meeting will be a dinner theatre performance of *Guys and Dolls*. ASPA has bought the house for the night so that members can enjoy this memorable musical with songs such as "Bushel and a Peck", "I've Never Been in Love Before", and "Luck Be a Lady".

A special ladies program has been arranged featuring a tour of Heisey Glass Museum, Davidson House, and Granville Inn. Antiques, handmade glass, and dining in an old English atmosphere will take the summer heat off the ladies.

Of course, all major suppliers of sod equipment will demonstrate their latest machinery and products at the field days.

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The French Market offers a wide variety of shops (top). Headquarters of Princeton Mfg. Co. (above).



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