

# GOVERNMENT

## UPDATE

### **EPA announces pesticide labeling program**

The Environmental Protection Agency recently initiated a program to upgrade labels of pesticide products that provides instructions for their proper use and information on their hazards.

The EPA has designed the Label Improvement Program to enable the Agency to respond rapidly to labeling needs identified within the Agency and by the industry, the users, and the public. This program will also provide for needed uniformity in compliance and enforcement activities.

The Agency will require that registrants amend their registrations to modify their labels in certain ways within reasonable time frames to be established.

For further information, contact Jean Frane, Registration Div. (TS767), Office of Pesticide Programs, EPA, 401 M St. S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, 202/426-2510.

### **USDA uses parasites against gypsy moths**

Nine species of parasitic flies and wasps are helping the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state agencies wage biological war against the gypsy moth in infested areas of the Northeast.

The parasite lays its eggs in or on the moth's eggs, caterpillars, or pupae. Later, a fly maggot hatches and feeds on the caterpillar, eventually killing it. Some parasites attack only gypsy moths; others also attack other destructive caterpillars.

A pilot project, conducted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources with USDA assistance, is underway in a Pennsylvania state park. Gypsy moth experts will survey plots intensively every year and apply light doses of chemical or biological insecticides only when infestations are at a critical level.

According to Stanley McNally, a USDA area director and coordinator, "This is the role we see for parasites—not a replacement for pesticides but one of a variety of tools that can reduce gypsy moth damage within the infested area while allowing pesticides to be used less often."

### **Bergland cites boost in ethanol production**

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland thinks President Carter's goal of producing 500 million gallons of alcohol fuels during 1981 is reachable through a combination of factors.

"These factors include the provision of Federal tax incentives for a substantial portion of the amortized life of a plant (through 1992), continuing increases in the real price of petroleum and gasoline, some clarification of regulatory policies involving the manufacture and use of fuel ethanol, and marked reductions in the cost of debt capital," he said.

Bergland said there are two areas for which the Department of Agriculture has primary responsibility in supporting and accommodating ethanol production. These are:

1. Managing the agricultural programs and policies for which USDA has primary responsibility with sensitivity to the requirements of fuel ethanol plants for farm-produced feedstocks, and reduction of any adverse impacts on the agricultural sector and the economy generally; and
2. Use of the established state and local credit processing and servicing system of USDA to provide loan assistance for expanded distillation capacity to meet the President's production goal.

"In addition," Bergland said, "the USDA in cooperation with the Department of Energy is expanding research and testing activities to find alternative crop and forestry feedstocks for ethanol production (including cellulosic feedstocks), and to improve conversion technologies enabling the use of cellulosic and other alternate feedstocks."

ing the height of the breeding season.

The tests also found that the male beetles were more attracted by the sex attractant early in the season and by the food attractants later. However, the two kinds of attractants are more effective combined than when used separately, said Klein.

### **ARBORISTS**

#### **Ohio ISA to sponsor arborist foreman show**

The special needs of arborist foremen will be the subject of a day-long seminar at the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, OH, on Dec. 6.

Extension horticulturist Fred Buscher, NAA Executive Director Bob Felix, and other tree experts will cover responsibility and management of all areas of arboriculture. The session will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Preregistration is strongly advised. Contact Fred Buscher, OARDC, Wooster, OH 44691, 216/262-8176. Lunch is provided to those who preregister.

### **SEMINAR**

#### **Arborists plan talks on tree injuries**

The National Arborist Association will hold its 6th annual technical seminar on Dec. 9-10 concerning "non-parasitic injuries to trees."

Dr. Terry Tatter, associate professor of plant pathology at the Shade Tree Laboratory, University of Massachusetts, will present the program at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Chicago. It will cover environmental stress, people pressure, and the interaction between infectious and non-infectious diseases of trees.

For further information, contact: National Arborist Association, 3537 Stratford Road, Wantagh, NY 11793.

### **PROMOTION**

#### **Frazier named pres of Simplicity Mfg.**

Jacques F. Trevillyan, executive vice president of Allis-Chalmers Corp., announced that Warner C. Frazier of Glendale, WI, has been named president of the Simplicity Manufacturing Co., an Allis-Chalmers Co.

Frazier, previously vice president, marketing, has been with Allis-Chalmers since 1955. He also served in engineering application and sales promotion posts in various divisions, as merchandising manager for the Industrial Truck division, and manager of the Material Handling Sales & Service operation.