

UPDATE

EPA director speaks to OTF

Edwin Johnson, director of Pesticide Programs of the Environmental Protection Agency, told delegates of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Show in December that pesticide registration procedures have been adjusted and registration activity has increased. The result looks like more new fungicides, growth regulators, and insecticides in the near future.

However, Johnson indicated preliminary results of a pesticide user survey to golf courses show a much higher amount of pesticides per acre used than in agriculture or nursery. Such data could draw critical attention to the use of pesticides by superintendents in the future.

The fact that Johnson, a national figure who has served three administrations as director of pesticide programs, spoke at a state turf conference shows a greater involvement by EPA in state affairs and the increasing sophistication of state turf conferences.

Johnson said pesticide registration activity has increased by half due to efforts to catch up on backlogs, shorten turnaround, and meeting with manufacturers before they submit registration documents.

Johnson urged showgoers to take advantage of comment periods for hearings on legislation to get their views across. He cited an example recently where no comments were received from the nursery or forestry industries on legislation affecting them.



Followup shows fewer waste sites

A phone followup of a hazardous waste site permit applications found that a fifth of those sites were not actually handling hazardous wastes or were no longer in business. A second part of the application procedure will seek to better identify hazardous wastes stored on sites according to EPA.

Most waste handlers are small operations except for underground injection wells. However, landfills and incinerators are the primary off-site handlers of hazardous wastes. Only 125 facilities said commercial hazardous waste management is their primary business. EPA originally identified 9,863 facilities to survey and the phone followup says only 7,800 of these handled hazardous waste in 1981.

Tax loss limit may cut tree work

Effective January 1, 1983, casualty losses as a tax deduction are limited to 10 percent of adjusted gross income. This change, "will have a significant effect on the need for tree evaluations for tax purposes," says Robert Felix, executive director of the National Arborist Association. The need for evaluations and appraisals for insurance purposes remains.

America Show. Third place winner of \$500 in cash was John Barry with Sawtelle Brothers, Swampscot, MA.

LANDSCAPE

20 colleges attending ALCA Field Day

Richland College in Dallas, TX will host the Seventh Annual ALCA Student Field Day, scheduled for March 25-27. Over 20 colleges have already planned to participate in this year's events.

The ALCA Student Field Day is a three-day competitive event among students from horticulture programs from colleges and universities across the country. Students have a chance to compete in events which are directly related to the skills necessary in the horticulture industry. The students are also able to meet professional landscape contractors.

For more information, call Richland College at (214) 238-6314 or ALCA at (703) 821-8611.

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Golf, lawn care highlighted at Penn. Turfgrass Show

Educational sessions in Golf Management and Lawn Care and Grounds Maintenance will highlight the 1983 Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Feb. 28 to March 3 at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

The General Sessions Monday afternoon and Tuesday will include discussions on gypsy moth, aerial application of fertilizer and pesticides, the turfgrass seed industry, urban turf management, toxicology, cemetery maintenance, use of microcomputers, ornamental maintenance and turf management at the Greenbrier in West Virginia.

Wednesday and Thursday's programs will offer separate sessions for golf turf and lawn care and ground maintenance. Golf turf sessions will focus on sand injection of greens, sand selection, managing turf under moisture stress, fairway renovation, disease research, winter injury to perennial ryegrass, insects on golf courses, colonial bentgrass breeding, nitrogen uptake and high temperature stress.

The lawn care and grounds maintenance sessions will feature presentations on pre and post-emergent weed control, stadium and practice field

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