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Research a key to keeping the green industry green

NATIONAL REPORT —

Major organizations within the green industry are realizing how important research money has become.

On one hand, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) recently contributed \$25,000 to the USGA/GCSAA Turfgrass Research Committee. On the other hand, the American Society of Nurserymen (AAN) has told the House and Senate Appropriations Committee that more money must be made available for agricultural research programs.

The GCSAA's money will support ongoing scientific work on new turfgrass varieties that would require less water and be more disease resistant.

GCSAA President Dennis D. Lyon made this observation at the annual USGA/Golf Writers Association of America banquet held during the U.S. Open in Rochester, N.Y.

William H. Bengeyfield, national director of the USGA Green Section, noted that more than \$2.8 million has been distributed by the committee since 1983. "We thank GCSAA for the research funding they provide, and we appreciate the time people like (GCSAA vice president) Jerry Faubel, Lyon and (executive director) John Schilling contribute to the committee."

"GCSAA sincerely sup-



Chinese interns look over seed samples at Jacklin Seed in Post Falls, Ida., where research is a continuing project.

ports the USGA turfgrass research project." said Lyon. "We look forward to working together with the USGA on other projects in

the future."

AAN representatives, appearing in Washington, D.C. recently, cited a report by the U.S. Department of

Agriculture and Economic Research Service. The report estimated 1987 grower cash receipts from environmental horticulture crops at \$4.3 billion.

"Due in part to this continuing rate of growth," said Duane Jelinek, AAN director of horticultural research, "tremendous potential exists for increased job opportunities as well as positive impacts on the environment."

However, the AAN said it is aware of federal deficit woes, and insisted it doesn't want a handout.

"We have restricted our recommendation to maintaining the integrity of research programs which are absolutely vital to the nursery industry," said Ben Bolusky, AAN's director of government affairs.

Of greatest concern to the association is continued funding for its plant science research programs, the cooperative state research service and extension services. □

GOLF

Designers should respect nature, Dye says

CHICAGO — Today's golf course designers face many new challenges, thanks to heightened concerns about environmental preservation, says Pete Dye, president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA).

Dye says designers must

comply more with standards relative to wetland preservation, use of freshwater supplies and the impact of pesticides on groundwater. And while he supports such standards, he believes the approval process can defer a project for years, and hold up the nec-

essary permits until issues can be studied completely.

For that reason, Dye says ASGCA members are working to identify the problem areas and propose positive alternatives.

"The ASGCA Foundation, for instance, recently

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