



## Mulching attachment reduces clippings

The Bunton Company recently introduced the Eliminator mulching attachment to the green industry. The Eliminator is called the only completely removable mulching attachment in the industry, and one that eliminates the need for additional equipment buys.

According to Bunton, the Eliminator is a cost-effective rotary attachment that reduces grass clippings to a fine, nutritious mulch. With recent environmental legislation in mind, Bunton engineers designed the Eliminator to minimize grass clippings and provide a natural fertilizer for more beautiful lawns.

The self-propelled rotary mower begins the mulching process by engaging the primary mower blade



to lift and cut grass to length. The grass clippings are cut again and mulched as they are pulled down through the six-blade recutter.

To further reduce the clippings,

a suction lift forces clippings upward again through the primary mower blade. The clippings then travel through the Eliminator's "Mulching Zone," which forces the few clippings left down into the turf.

Bunton says the process turns grass clippings into a virtually invisible and non-existent mulch that vastly increases the decomposition rate.

The Eliminator attaches easily to 36-, 48- or 52-inch Bunton self-propelled rotary mowers, as well as the company's Goodall 36-inch, 48-inch and 52-inch self-propelled rotary mowers.

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## New business software answers loan questions

First Step Review is a series of computer programs developed to assist the small business owner/manager in obtaining business loans and operating the business more successfully.

The program is designed for the IBM-PC and compatible computer systems. It requests information regarding the applicant seeking the loan which it then evaluates and scores. Score indicates whether or not the applicant has a good chance of receiving a loan.

Users can manipulate input by adding or subtracting collateral and/or equity, which in turn will affect the scores.

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## Spreader made to save on labor, material costs

The AccuSpread can be used year-round. It makes accurate applications of sand, salt, calcium chloride, top dressing, and more.

According to the AccuSpread Co., the spreader's prototype showed a labor savings of 85 percent, and 50 percent material savings.

AccuSpread fits on the front loader of a tractor or skid-steer, or on a rear 3-point hitch. The spreader can be tilted for self-loading from a bulk supply of material.



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## Software package includes chemical/fertilizer records

The Trims Grounds Management Software Version 2.3 has just been released by Labb Systems/Software.

In response to superintendent requests, the program now includes chemical and fertilizer application logs, MSDS filing system and weather data base.

Extensive modifications have been made to increase the record-keeping capacity of Trims and allow unlimited editing of labor records, purchase orders, work orders and maintenance records.

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## Software now compatible with IBM processors

Thornton Computer Management Systems' software packages are now compatible with the IBM RISC System/6000 processors.

The RISC architecture and AIX, IBM's version of the UNIX Operating System are combined with all the features and benefits of the Pick Databases Systems and the Slice green industry applications.

The complete system includes the award-winning Slice software with

telephone support, on-site training and classroom instruction.

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### New creeping bentgrass ideal golf course choice

From International Seeds, Inc. comes Cobra, a new creeping bentgrass which has been awarded a plant variety protection certificate from the USDA.

The company says Cobra develops a uniform dark green and is resistant to heat, humidity and other environmental stresses.

International Seeds, Inc. says Cobra is ideal for greens, tees and fairways.

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### Broad spectrum fungicide controls eight diseases

Curalan, from BASF, controls eight turf diseases without harming turf, according to the company.

Curalan is labeled for all turf grasses, and can be used to control brown patch, dollar spot, leaf spot, fusarium patch and snow mold.

BASF says Curalan gives the option of preventive and curative treatments by adjusting the application rate.

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### Tall fescue variety is new to market

From Southland Sod Farms comes Hubbard 87; the company's latest offerings which follows years of meticulous and selective plant breeding.

In year-long U.S. Department of Agriculture sanctioned tests, Hubbard 87 was ranked number one in overall turf quality. The competitive tests stretched over a variety of climactic and geographical extremes.

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### Clean up easier with walk-behind sweeper

From Sweepster comes a self-propelled walk-behind sweeper that the company says is ideal for landscape settings.

Sweepster's C-36 is equipped with a standard three-foot by 24-inch sectional brush which easily transports on the back of a truck. The unit is powered by a 5-hp engine. Caster and brush angles of 30 degrees right are standard.



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### Organic composting accelerator introduced

Koos, Inc. now markets its Nature's Best brand Compost Activator; an organic substance which speeds up decomposition.

Acti-Vator can be used with leaves, grass, shrub trimmings, kitchen scraps, wood shavings and sawdust, the company says.



Koos says Acti-Vator assists in more quickly producing humus which may then be added to soil as a fertilizer. The product may be used in bins, bags or piles of compost.

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### Several tall fescues offered by Pennington

Several new tall fescues from Pennington Seed Co. are introduced this year; varieties the manufacturer says are high in endophyte which makes them more resistant to insect and disease infestations.

The varieties will also be more dwarf in growth characteristics, making them finer in appearance.

Tradition is dark green and bred by Pure Seed Testing Plant variety protection is under application. Compac Blend will be marketed by Pennington; a superior dwarf turf type tall fescue consisting of Tradition, Monarch, and 5DX varieties. The dwarf mix is said to require less mowing which lessens clippings while having an extremely fine turf appearance.

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### Fertilizer utilizes new controlled release system

The O. M. Scotts & Sons Co. has developed Poly-S coating technology; a combining of polymer and sulfur which the firm says permits controlled, programmed release of nutrients.

Residual can be programmed from two to six months, according to the application. The composition of the polymer—through which the nutrient is diffused—determines the rate of release, the company says.

Other advantages of the coating include abrasion resistance, increased water insoluble nitrogen values and resistance to environmental stress, uniform and adjustable release rates, decreased temperature sensitivity and increased nutrient efficiency. The company adds that low phytotoxicity and economy of sources nutrients are also pluses.

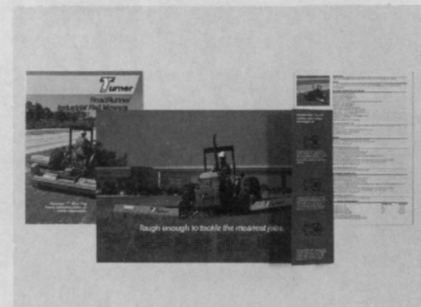
Poly-S technology will be introduced in 1992.

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### Turner's new flail mower detailed in free literature

Turner Equipment Co.'s new RoadRunner flail mowers are explained in company literature now available by request.

The line, featuring three basic models and cutting swaths from 74 inches to 21 feet, come in center-, side- and rear-mounted styles.



All models are equipped with gear-driven hydraulic pumps.

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