

UAP redirects turf activities

SALEM, Ore.—United Agri Products (UAP) restructured its professional turf and ornamental efforts with the formation of United Horticultural Supply (UHS).

All UAP activities in the professional turf and ornamental markets (including UAP Special Products) will come under this new organization. Markets being served by UHS include: commercial lawn care, golf course, landscapers and landscape maintenance, ornamental horticulture, etc.

Initially, UHS will be made-up of six divisions owned and operated by the geographically diverse United Agri Products Independent Operating Companies.

New PGR to be tested widely this summer

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Primo, an experimental plant growth regulator, can manage growth and quality of warm- and cool-season turfgrasses, according to its maker, Ciba-Geigy.

The product was field-tested for the first time in 1991 on 300 acres of turf. It will be sold this season with its recently-approved Experimental Use Permit. Up to 3,000 test acres of turf are planned.

According to Ciba-Geigy, Primo will be especially useful in managing difficult-to-mow areas and to minimize edging along sidewalks, curbs, parking lots, driveways, flower beds and fences; and around posts, storage sheds and trees.

Primo is planned to be labeled for bentgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, red fes-

cue, tall fescue, annual and perennial ryegrass, bahiagrass, common and hybrid bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass and zoysiagrass.

At standard application rates, Primo will provide approximately 50 percent growth reduction for four weeks, Ciba-Geigy's Dr. Doug Houseworth says. With multiple applications, Ciba-Geigy believes that Primo will be able to reduce turfgrass growth the entire growing season—but not more than 2.7 lbs. of Ai/A can be applied per year.

Its active ingredient is cimectacarb.

For best results, Ciba-Geigy says, Primo should be applied to high quality turfgrasses which receive adequate moisture and fertility.

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Useful literature and video offered to LM readers

ON TURF DISEASES...The "Compendium of Turfgrass Diseases, Second Edition" is now available from APS Press. Detailed descriptions and more than 180 full-color photos (60 of them new) help diagnose and control more than 50 turf diseases. The 128-page softcover book—edited by Richard W. Smiley, Peter H. Dernoeden and Bruce B. Clarke—is \$25 in the U.S. and \$31 elsewhere. To order, send check or money order to PAS Press, 3340 Pilot Knob Rd., St. Paul, MN 55121-2097 or phone (800) 328-7560.

GOLF COURSE PERSONNEL...A sample handbook for setting policy, writing job descriptions, developing pay scales and other golf course personnel management issues is now available from the GCSAA for \$10 (members) or \$15 (non-members). Topics include employment status, work schedules and pay, attendance, standards of conduct and job descriptions. The handbook is available through the GCSAA, phone (913) 832-4480.

HEALTHY TURF..."Healthy Turf Means Healthy Earth," a color brochure from The Fertilizer Institute, is available for \$1.25 per copy. The brochure, which can be distributed to customers, answers questions like "how does one know how much fertilizer to use?" and "are organic fertilizers

safer than commercial fertilizers?" A 10% discount applies to orders of more than 100. To order, send check to TFI, 501 2nd St. NE, Washington, DC 20002.

TURF BENEFITS VIDEO..."This Precious Earth" is a new six-minute videotape program produced by the American Sod Producers Association. In addition to the educational program, a group of four 30- and 60-second public service announcements are included, along with a four-color brochure that complements the video. The video costs \$25. The brochures cost \$75 for 500 or \$250 for 2,000, plus shipping and handling. For more info, contact Terri Berkowitz, at ASPA, 1855-A Hicks Rd., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008; phone (708) 705-9898.

CHEMICAL SAFETY...A new handbook by the Midwest Plan Service aids chemical safety: "Designing Facilities for Pesticide and Fertilizer Containment." Major chapter headings include site selection, system design, worker safety areas, mixing/loading areas, emergency response practices, etc. The book is available for \$15. Phone Art Muehling at (217) 333-9313 or send check to: Plan Service, Dept. of Ag Engineering, 1304 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801. Make checks out to the University of Illinois.

GREENS MOWING...Jacobsen now offers a videotape training guide for the Jacobsen Greens King IV. It is available in Spanish or English from local Jacobsen distributors or by writing Jacobsen division of Textron, 1721 Packard Ave., Racine, WI 53403.

MORE HEALTHY LAWNS...Lofts Seed has created a new, free booklet for lawn care customers entitled "The Grass is Always Greener on My Side." Filled with illustrations and color photos, the 16-page booklet offers tips on selecting seed and mowing and watering. The booklet also offers a \$1 coupon toward Lofts products. For more info, call Mary Anne Rohmann or Krystal Stilwell at (212) 684-6300.

PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS..."How to Protect Your Business" is now available through the Council of Better Business Bureaus. Price is \$7.95 for the pocket-size paperback edition, \$14.95 for deluxe softcover, plus \$2 shipping and handling. It has three sections: Schemes Against Business, External Crime and Internal Crime. Covered are office supply schemes, bankruptcy fraud, telemarketing crimes, credit card fraud, embezzlement, insurance fraud and more. Send order and payment to: CBBB Publications, 4200 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203.