

GREEN INDUSTRY SHOWCASE

Fungicide controls fairy ring, brown patch

Nor-Am Chemical Co. has announced the registration of Prostar fungicide for use on all fine turf.

Evaluations of Prostar at 17 major universities and field testing by more than 650 golf course superintendents have shown excellent performance, according to the company.

A benzamide—with the chemical name flutolanil—Prostar represents a new chemistry for use in resistance management programs. It can be tank-mixed with

several other fungicides, including Banol.

Prostar offers "exceptional residual control" of major disease, such as brown patch, yellow patch, gray snow mold and southern blight.

Nor-Am reports Prostar also suppresses fairy ring.

This fungicide can be used either for preventive or curative control and has shown excellent safety on all species of fine turf, says Nor-Am.

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Herbicide tackles *Poa annua*, all major weeds

Prism, a new herbicide from Valent USA Corp., controls major weeds found in ornamentals.

Prism provides excellent control of annual bluegrass, crabgrass and foxtail grasses in ornamentals. It can be used to control grasses in Christmas tree farms, bedding plants, landscapes, nurseries, greenhouses, cemeteries and parks.

With Prism, growers can use one grass herbicide for all their major weeds. According to Dewane Bishop, Valent's field development manager, Prism is easier to

use because growers can use it at basically one rate.

Prism will control hard-to-kill species such as annual bluegrass and bromes, says David Whitehead, Valent's business manager of professional products.

Valent reports that Prism works best when mixed with a non-ionic surfactant.

Prism has not been reported to have any phytotoxicity. It will be available in the first quarter of 1994, and will be sold in quart and gallon sizes.

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New creeping bentgrass limited, but in demand

Lofts Seed Co. has released limited supplies of the new creeping bentgrass known in research trials as SYN 3-88.

Commercially, the bentgrass has been named Crenshaw, after golf legend Ben Crenshaw, who visited with Drs. Milt Engelke of Texas A&M and Virginia Lehman of Lofts, developers of the variety.

A very limited supply will be available

through Lofts' distributors in the South.

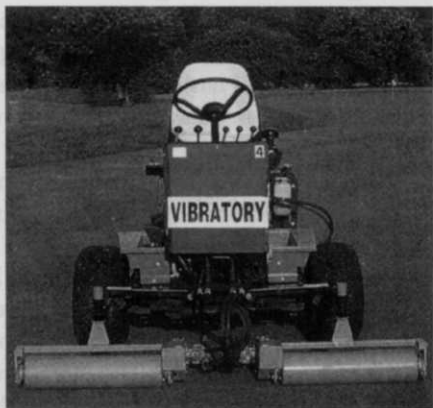
Crenshaw bentgrass is now being placed into commercial production so that larger quantities, to meet high current demand, will become available with the new crop next September.

Golfer Crenshaw is reportedly using the cultivar on several of his golf course construction projects.

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Greens roller attaches to mower, weighted like a reel

The True-Surface vibratory greens rolling system from Turflite, Inc. attaches to greens mowers, and approximates the weight of a standard triplex greens-mower reel.



Hydraulic motors provide a source of vibration to create the needed weight to roll a green or tee. According to the company, the reduced weight of this device cuts rolling time in half.

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Pending herbicide to control purple, yellow nutsedge

A new herbicide being tested by Monsanto Co. is the first selective herbicide for controlling both purple and yellow nutsedge across all important turfgrass species in North America.

Manage herbicide this year received an experimental use permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Manage has shown "unsurpassed" nutsedge control and is safe to warm- and cool-season turfgrasses, say Jeff Travers and Dr. Nelroy Jackson, authors of an efficacy report on the product.

Travers says 119 tests were made on nine species of turf from 1987 to 1992. The product caused no turf injury in 98 of the tests. Injury was minor and commercially acceptable in 18 of the 21 experiments reporting injury. Recovery was reported as good.

Control begins within three to four days after application, say experts.

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PRODUCT REVIEW

New packaging for fire ant control product a winner

Fire ant control in the Southeast has been simplified with Ciba-Geigy's Award insect control product, and at least a small part of the success is being given to the packaging of Award.

According to Walter T. Meisner, Ciba-Geigy's Packaging Engineer, the key to the new design was knowing how customers used the product. His packaging goals were easy and comfortable handling, efficient dispensing and reseal-ability.

Combining a one-gallon jug with a vertical handle and Magenta Corporation's threaded, one-piece Pop-Lok dispensing closure has also led to increased sales, according to Magenta.

The Pop-Lok lid flips open to expose a five-holed spout for even spreading onto a fire ant mound.

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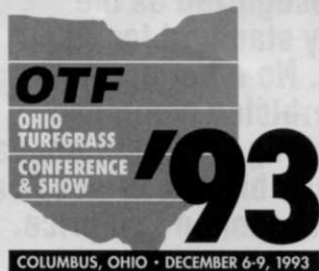
PVC fence looks great, comes in variety of styles

UltraGuard, of West Salem, Ohio has a line of classic post and rail, white vinyl fencing that features a heavy-duty, two-by-six inch paddock rail and a 1 1/2-by-5 1/2-inch rail in 16 ft. lengths.

The line includes two-, three- and four-rail assemblies as well as cross rail styles and matching gate assemblies.

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