

NAA mini-survey shows interest in IPM programs

AMHERST, N.H.—Seventy-seven percent of respondents to a National Arborist Association Mini-Survey said they follow Plant Health Care or Integrated Pest Management techniques.

Those programs have been available to customers for an average of 6.8 years.

Horticultural oils were ranked the control product of choice, with Tempo larvicide ranked second and insecticidal soaps ranked third.

Sixty-one percent of those who said they have PHC/IPM programs said their customers are more concerned with products used on their properties than before.

But despite the shift in control programs, 61 percent said they have seen a decline in the number of effective pesticide products labeled for control of pests on ornamental plants.

Survey results

Do you have a PHC/IPM program?

Yes77%
No13%

How long has it been available? 6.8 years

Rate the success of your current program from 1.0 to 5.0, with 1.0 being very successful.2.4

Did you have a pest management program in place prior to the current program?

Yes68%
No32%

Why did you change to Plant Health Care? Rank responses from 1.0 to 5.0, with 1.0 being the most important reason:

Greater safety2.0
Environment2.0
More effective2.0
Regulations2.0
Public demand0.3
Cost0.3

List the five most commonly used pesticide products in your current program:

#1:Horticultural/dormant oils
#2:Tempo (Temephos) larvicide
#3:Insecticidal soaps
#4:Orthene (acephate) insecticide
#5:Sevin (carbaryl) insecticide

Is posting required in your community?

At time of application43%
Not required44%
Required before application9%
Don't know8%

Source: National Arborist Association

Base: 56

HOT STUFF

GIE elects new officers

MARIETTA, Ga.—David Luse of Arteka Natural Green in Eden Prairie, Minn. is new president of the Green Industry Expo, taking over from Davey Tree Expert's George Gaumer. Lou Wierichs Jr. of Pro-X Systems in Appleton, Wis. is new vice president of the GIE and E. Earl Wilson of Thornton-Wilson in Loveland, Ohio, is new secretary/treasurer. New board member Gary Trinetti of Garick Corp., Cleveland, replaces Gaumer. Trinetti represents the Professional Grounds Management Society.

EPA studying three herbicides

WASHINGTON—The Environmental Protection Agency will study the effects of atrazine, simazine and cyanazine on drinking water. Ciba, which supplies pesticides to the turf-grass market, makes atrazine and simazine, both Class C carcinogens, the third most dangerous of five classes. A spokesperson for Ciba says that the company welcomes the study.

RISE defines IPM

WASHINGTON—Integrated Pest Management should "manage pests and the environment to balance benefits of control, costs, public health and environmental quality," according to Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE). The organization—which represents manufacturers, formulators and distributors of specialty pesticides—defined IPM as a recent meeting of its Governing Board.

"Our members felt that their association should go on record with a definition of IPM based on the growing use of such systems, and to help eliminate confusion as to what IPM really means," says RISE executive director Allen James.

Metasystox-R to remain on market

YUMA, Ariz.—Metasystox-R, a systemic insecticide used on aphids, mites, leafhoppers and other sucking pests in fruit and field crops, is remaining on the market. Gowan Company signed agreements with Miles and the Environmental Protection Agency allowing it to distribute the product, which was first registered in the U.S. in 1961.

Power equipment sells

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—All categories of outdoor power equipment, except rear engine riders and tillers, are expected to show increased shipments in 1995, according to the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI).

The organization, however, revised its predicted growth rate down to 2.3 percent for 1995 "due to recent increases in mortgage interest rates which are expected to lead to a decline in sales of new and existing homes." Growth of 1.9 percent is expected in 1996.

Super offers video training

WEST BEND, Wis.—Eight training videos are available from renowned golf course superintendent Paul Latshaw for \$69.95 each. Titles are: "The Knowledgeable Operator" (riding equipment); "Turf Etiquette" (for golfers and crews); "Bringing Out the Best in the People You Manage;" "Turf Restoration and Renovation;" "Training the Trainer;" "Golf Car Fleet Management;" and "Greens Mowing Tips and Orientation."

For more information, phone Epic of Wisconsin at (800) 938-4330.

Obituaries...

SALEM, Ore.—R.H. "Dick" Bailey, owner of Bailey Seeds, died of cancer at his home here Nov. 29, 1994. He was 64. Earlier in his career, Bailey worked for Dickinson Seed, co-founded Turf-Seed with Bill Rose and managed Jacklin Seed Co. He is survived by his wife Shirley, son Rich Jr., two brothers, a sister and two step-daughters.

PHOENIX—Golf course architect Milt Coggins died Nov. 4, 1994 at the age of 92. Coggins designed 29 courses in Arizona, California, Texas and Florida, including Prescott (Ariz.) Country Club. He is survived by his wife Tate D., sons Milt Jr. and Lewis, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.