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Although we shouldn't have been, we were surprised at the incredible range of solutions you readers offered to our November "Talk-back" column on controlling Canada geese. A couple of the more inventive were "dead duck" decoys and "robo-goose."

RON HALL



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To make the new year your best year, use this winter as a time to improve your budgeting and personnel management skills and learn the latest news from across the green industry.

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A new 'spec' must now be considered when purchasing these tools: are they ergonomically-friendly?

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25 HERBICIDE EFFICACY LINKED TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

The environmental conditions that influence performance are air and soil temperature, light intensity, wind, rain falling after the application, drought stress, relative humidity and dew formation. Usually, more than one factor will determine the success or failure of a broadleaf herbicide application.

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