

**LESCO, Inc.**, acquired Tri Delta Fertilizer, Inc., Stockton, CA. Tri Delta has been in business since 1980, and makes and sells granular and liquid fertilizer and combination products to the turf and ag markets. The acquisition gives LESCO a presence on the West Coast. Tri Delta will also allow LESCO to serve its Pacific Rim customers more efficiently.

Turf managers can help support turfgrass research when they use natural organic **Milorganite** fertilizer this fall, announced Larry Lennert, manager of research and product development at Milorganite. For each ton purchased and delivered between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30, 1997, Milorganite

will donate \$10 to the turf manager's favorite research organization. This is the third year that Milorganite sponsored the Turfgrass Research Donation Program.

**Toro** will market its Hardie brand irrigation products under the brand name **Irritrol Systems**. "The Irritrol brand maintains an emphasis on contractor-installed systems for residential and commercial landscapes previously associated with the Hardie brand," says Rick Parod, vice president of Toro Irrigation.

**Rod Tyler**, author of "Winning the Organics Game: The Compost Marketer's Handbook", offers a 1 1/2-day work-

shop explaining the production, testing and selling of quality compost. Tyler covers compost uses and guidelines in various markets, including landscape, nurseries, retail, sports turf and agriculture. The workshop was created by the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS), with the USDA, University of Hawaii and the Composting Council. Contact Lisa Preston at 703/836-4606 (ext. 309) or via e-mail at ashspres@ashs.org. Contact Rod Tyler at 330/239-0129 or e-mail at rodndon@GTE.net.

**The Toro Company** named Stephen P. Wolfe to become vice president finance, treasurer and chief financial offi-

cer. Wolfe, 48, replaced Gerald T. Knight, now senior vice president and chief financial officer of Fingerhut Companies, Inc. Wolfe came to Toro as part of the buy of Wheel Horse Products, Inc., in 1986, where he was vice president of finance and treasurer.

**SUNY-Cobleskill** and the **John Deere** Worldwide Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division have developed a new degree program to prepare students to become lawn and grounds care technicians. The curriculum is adapted from the college's *Turf and Grounds Care Equipment* sequence to include unique courses that will prepare graduates to work as a John Deere retailer. The two-year study includes required classes such as "Basic Hydraulics" and "Advanced Small Engine Diagnostics" and electives in areas such as turfgrass management and equipment retailing.

**Irrigation Consulting & Engineering, Inc.**, based in Pepperell, MA, with offices in Cleveland, Ohio, acquired Fox River Irrigation Consultants, Inc., Elgin, IL. Company President Brian Vinchesi said the acquisition gives his firm a presence in the Chicago golf course/commercial markets.

**Plant Health Care, Inc.**, announced that Biopak and Biopak FE brand biostimulant products for turf and horticulture markets will only be available from Plant Health Care, Inc., (800-421-9051). **LM**

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