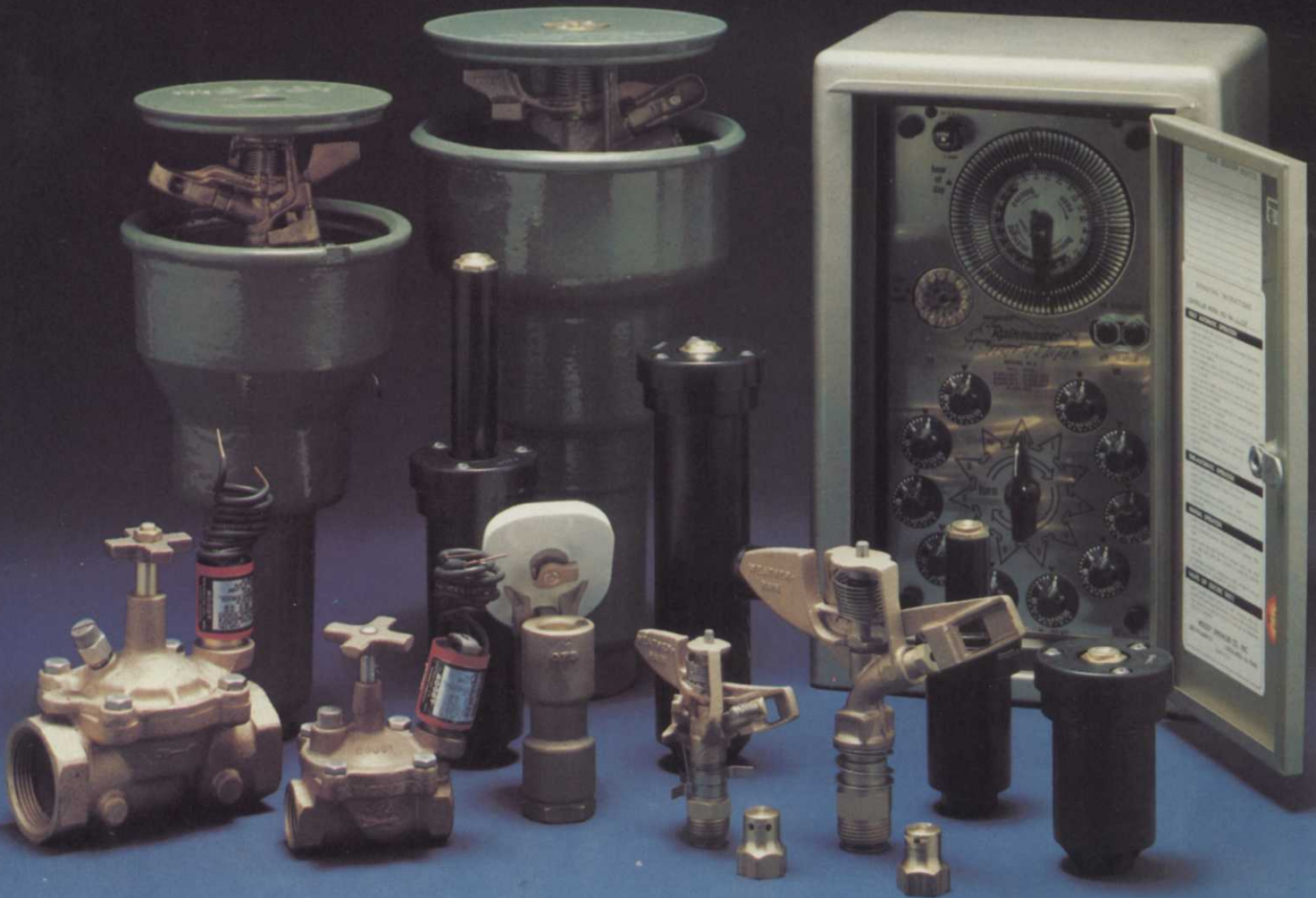


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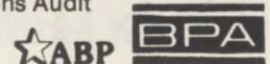
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This month has been especially demanding. Compiling any lengthy directory would seem to be. We have added a new section, a chemical listing. I know there might be more chemical manufacturers out there than the ones we have listed. So before you sit down to write that irate letter, please realize first that there might not have been a way we could have known . . . excuses, etc.

Please do, however, inform us of the company name, address, chemicals or equipment it manufactures and what each is used for. The only way a directory can be perfect is to include everyone!

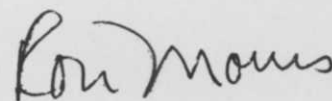
If you read thoroughly your last issue of WEEDS TREES & TURF, you will have noticed that this month's issue was to include the winners of the annual WEEDS TREES & TURF awards. This is not the case, however, as a time factor proved otherwise. You will have to remain in suspense another month.

This month the WEEDS TREES & TURF staff traveled to St. Paul and saw first hand some of the equipment and methods that are used to produce fine sod. See page 29 for more details and photos.

WEEDS TREES & TURF was also at the Rutgers field day in New Jersey. Many extensive experiments are underway there that are already benefiting the "Green Industry." The many experiments will continue to provide results that will benefit us in the future.

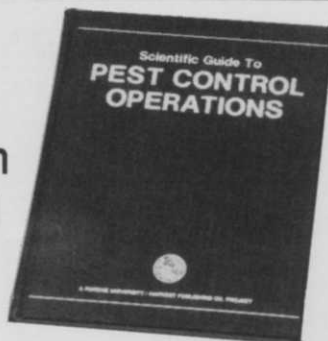
The feature story on page 14, you need to read. Mr. LeSieur did extensive research and talked with many turf managers about equipment. Read it and find out how the others do it.

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Government News

Applicators living in states which have not passed laws requiring a pesticide certification program that complies with EPA standards will have their training and certification programs administered by a regional office of the EPA.

Applicators in this situation will have to keep records of how they dispose of pesticides and take examinations every two years to renew their certifications. Nebraska and Colorado will probably fit into this category, according to Andrew Ceraker, senior regional officer in the EPA's office of pesticide programs.

The chances are over 90 percent that prospective pesticide registration application will be rejected, according to Edwin L. Johnson, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Pesticide Programs of the EPA.

Johnson gave two basic reasons: 1) The applicant "cannot submit or cite data to fulfill the current requirements of the registration (Section 3) regulations; or 2) the data upon which (the applicant) wishes to rely is claimed to be a trade secret by the data developer, who refuses to let the applicant rely on the information."

The conditional registration and the Sections 10 and 3(c)(1)(D) amendments approved by the Senate Agriculture Committee were cited by Johnson as solutions to these problems.

The North Carolina Agriculture Department used a crisis exemption to apply methomyl. It was used in several counties to control outbreaks of the fall armyworm on coastal bermudagrass.

A rebuttable presumption against registration (RPAR) notice against pesticides which contain cadmium is about to be issued by EPA, according to EPA sources. The EPA Carcinogen Assessment Group (CAG) cited studies which show a "statistically significant increase" in the incidence of prostatic cancer deaths among alkaline battery workers who had been exposed to cadmium for at least one year.

In addition, the CAG report said that cadmium salts "increase the frequency of point mutations and somatic chromosome aberrations" and "interact with and break DNA" among other things.

If issued, the cadmium RPAR will be the first RPAR to be issued on a natural substance. The RPAR would involve 30 registrants and 35 products -- all fungicides for turfgrass applications.

The EPA has issued three section 5 experimental use permits to Fisons corporation to allow use of 2,2-dimethyl-1,3 benzodioxil-4-yl methylcarbamate on turf to evaluate control of turf insects in Calif., Ill., Ind., Kansas, Md., Mass., Nebr., N.H., N.J., N.Y., N.C., Ohio, Okla., Penn., and Texas. One permit allows use of 585 pounds of the pesticide on 308 acres, another allows 152 pounds on 76 acres, and the third also allows 152 pounds on 76 acres.

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Industry News

First EPA restricted pesticides designated

The first draft of the EPA Decision Summary regarding classification of certain pesticide products for "restricted" use has been published. More will be added as EPA reviews more compounds. Nearly all of the products listed are restricted for all uses for all formulations and concentrations. They include Aldicarb, TEPP/Tetraethyl Pyrophosphate, Ethylene Oxide, Paraquat, Picloram, Hydrocyanic Acid, Aluminum phosphide, Acrolein, Allyl Alcohol, Carbon Tetrachloride, Acrylonitrile, Sulfotepp/Bladafume, Calcium Cyanide, Methomyl/Lannate, Sodium Cyanide, Mevinphos/Phosdrin, Fluoroacetamide/1080, Methyl Bromide, Demeton/Systox, Ethoprop/Mocap, and Phorate/Thimet.

Manhattan ryegrass royalties top \$142,000

The Manhattan Ryegrass Growers Association has contributed over \$142,000 to further research of grasses at Rutgers University, according to Bill Rose, president of the association.

Manhattan perennial ryegrass was developed by Dr. Reed Funk of Rutgers, and the royalty payments to that university have been a big factor in maintaining the level of research there.

Phosphate producers join Potash group

The Board of Directors of the Potash Institute has approved a new phosphate program that brings major U.S. phosphate producers into the organization and changes the name to Potash/Phosphate Institute.

The first phosphate producers joining the Potash/Phosphate Institute are Agrico Chemical Co.; Inter-

national Minerals and Chemicals Corp.; Mobil Chemical Co.; Occidental Chemical Co.; Royster Co.; Smith-Douglass, division of Borden Chemical, Borden, Inc.; and Teasgulf Inc.

Basagran gets OK for nutsedge control

Basagran has recently been approved for supplemental labeling of yellow nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*) in commercial turf.

Basagran should be applied postemergence to nutsedge plants when they are actively growing. A second application may be made 10-14 days later if control is not adequate. Thorough leaf coverage is essential for maximum control and mowing should be delayed for 3-5 days after application.

In experiments at Ohio State University, Basagran gave excellent selective control. No phototoxicity occurred on desirable species where recommended rates were used.

NAA has slide/cassette programs available

The National Arborist Association has six cassette programs available. They are: Basic Instruction for a Tree Care Trainee; Climbing Techniques for the Professional Arborist; The Tools and Techniques of Pruning; The Reasons for Pruning; The Technique of Spraying; and Cable Bracing.

The cost of each slide/cassette program is \$50 and may be obtained from the National Arborist Association, 3537 Stratford Rd., Wantagh, N.Y. 11793.

New Scleroderris identified in U.S.

A new virulent strain of Scleroderris canker has been identified for the first time in the U.S. The out-

break has been identified in nine counties in New York's Adirondack Mountain area, covering 34,000 acres. Tree mortality has exceeded 90 percent on 2300 acres. Seriological work has shown that the new strain is identical to one present in Norway and Finland that has extensively damaged conifers in those countries.

The AAN has urged the Senate appropriations subcommittee on interior and related agencies to appropriate \$200,000 for research aimed at the control and, if possible, eradication of the new strain.

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20,000	2,500
25,000	3,125
40,000	5,000
50,000	6,250

Dutch elm disease symposium planned

The National Arborist Association will sponsor a symposium, Nov. 9-10 at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C. on the "state of the art" of Dutch Elm disease control. Twelve researchers will share the podium with six representatives from industry. Contact NAA, Inc., 3537 Stratford Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793