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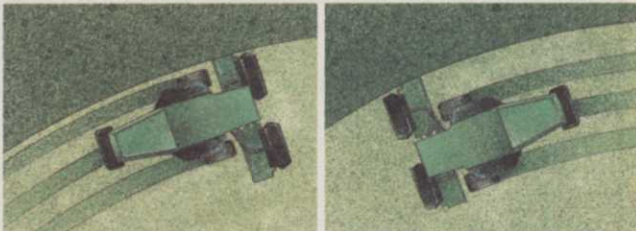
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Dave Coyle has an answer.

Coyle is acting director of Cleveland, Ohio's Department of Parks, Recreation and Properties. He is responsible for 35 year-round maintenance workers at the 10 city cemeteries, plus summer help.

Coyle cites several steps he's taken in recent years that have not only kept employees happy, but increased their productivity.



Dave Coyle

"We started 'quality circle' meetings with workers from the Department of Urban Forestry," notes Coyle. "We saw a 43 percent increase in productivity by just listening to the workers." When an employee presented an idea that would increase morale or productivity, it was implemented immediately—no ifs ands or buts.

Coyle also says that working with appropriate labor unions is a way to avoid extra personnel problems. "We've joined hands with Laborers Union Local 1099 to manage people collectively to do a good job," he notes.

Each of the cemeteries has a supervisor who designs his or her own maintenance program, thus getting field people involved in management tasks and making their job less thankless. "It's worked very well for us," Coyle says. "With that comes pride of ownership. As a result, we have neat, dedicated workers who really enjoy their jobs. And if there's a problem, the supervisor takes care of it immediately."

Coyle notes that this system has also helped foster good relations with the denizens of neighborhoods near the cemeteries.

Some government employees at Coyle's level use "the system" as an excuse for not turning out well-kept landscapes. But Coyle has found the secrets: work within the confines of government; keep your employees' welfare foremost in every decision.

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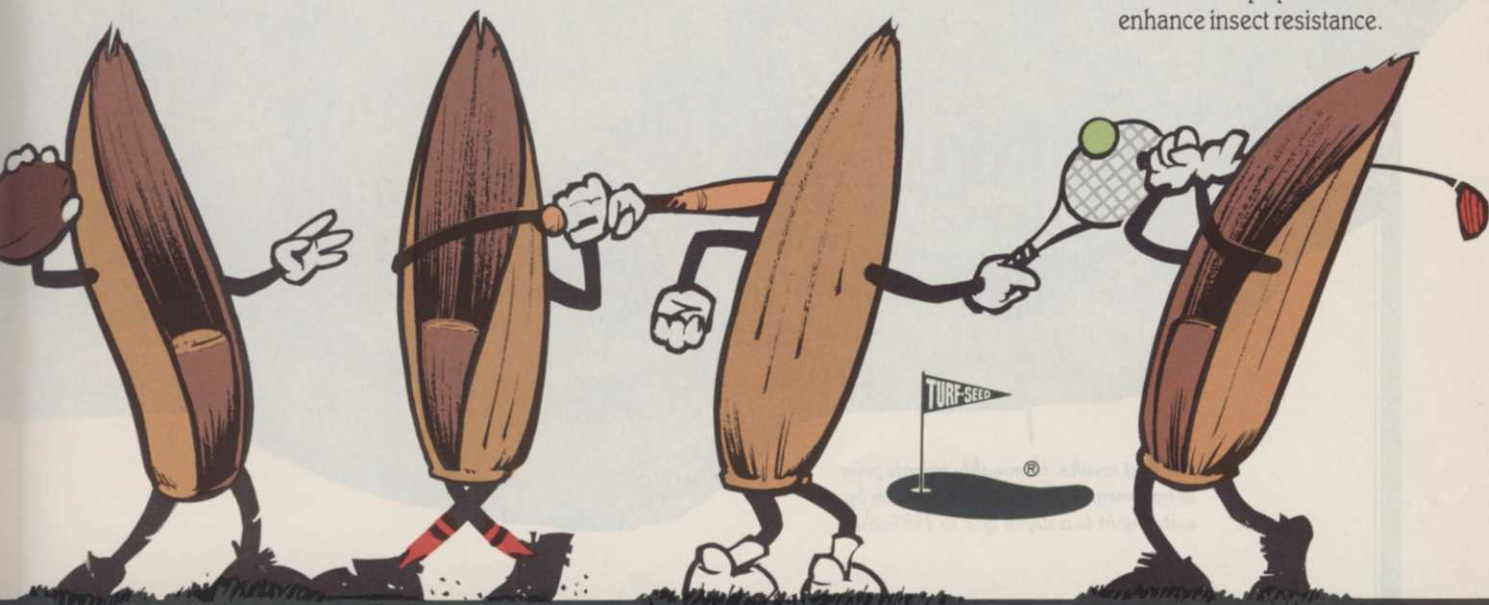
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Lyme disease occurrence on rise across Northeast

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. — Last year, 7,400 cases of Lyme disease were reported to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 45 percent of them in New York State. This is a marked increase over previous yearly totals: 5,000 reported cases in 1988 and 2,400 in 1987.

Other high concentrations of the disease were found in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

"Lyme disease is the most frequently acquired of all vector-borne diseases in the continental U.S." said Dr. Joseph F. Piesman at a symposium held here in May. Piesman works at the Centers for Disease Control, Ft. Collins, Colo.

More than 200 public health administrators and disease control experts listened to findings of 12 leading research scientists from across the country.

First identified 15 years ago, Lyme disease has

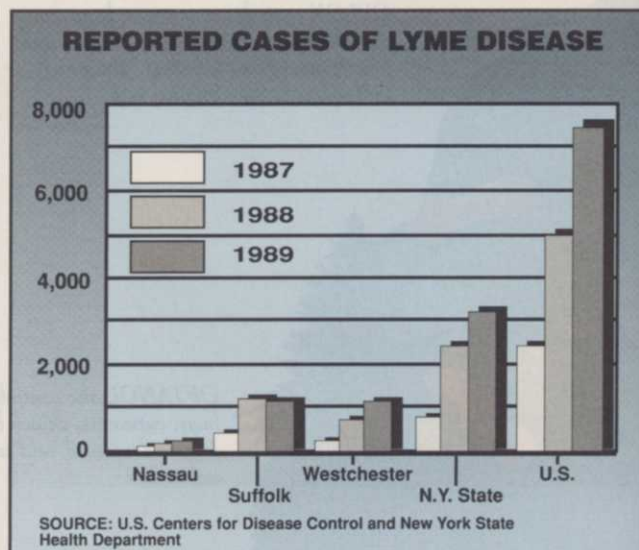
spread to 43 states.

Piesman identified four areas as major habitats for the deer tick: lawns, ornamental planting areas, ecotonal (transitional) areas which divide lawns from wooded areas, and woods.

Results from an August, 1989 survey of land around 66 properties in Armonk, N.Y., showed more than half of all nymphal ticks to be located in wooded habitats.

Piesman suggests homeowners put down a barrier such as mulch, crushed coral or pine needles to separate high and low risk areas.

The Lyme disease symposium was presented by New York Medical College under the sponsorship of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company. Rhone-Poulenc manufactures the Chipco Sevimol and Sevin brands of carbaryl insecticides, both of which have proven



effective in deer tick control.

According to Rhone-Poulenc, four tests conducted in New Jersey, Connecticut and New York using liquid applications of Chipco Sevimol and granular Sevin brand carbaryl

insecticide showed effective control of adult and juvenile life stages of deer ticks.

Damminix, made by Ecohealth, Inc. has also been effective as a more "surgical" approach to controlling ticks. Cotton balls saturated with permethrin are placed around risk areas in cardboard tubes. Field mice then take the cotton for use as nesting material. The ticks feeding on the mice are controlled after the mice bring the cotton to the nest. The mice remain unharmed.

Dr. Andrew Spielman of the Harvard School of Public Health and Dr. Thomas J. Daniels of New York Medical College listed some common tick carriers: white-footed mice, dogs, cats,

Lyme disease: preventive measures

If you live in a wooded area or participate in outdoor activities within the range of the deer tick, the New York Medical College recommends the following:

- Wear light-colored clothing;
- Pull socks over pant cuffs;
- Use an insect repellent containing "Deet" to repel ticks;
- Make frequent body searches for the small nymphal tick.

If bitten by a tick, remove it imme-

diately with fine tweezers. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and, with a steady movement, pull it straight out. Apply an antiseptic such as alcohol to the tick bite to prevent secondary infection.

Do not apply mineral oil, Vaseline, heat or anything else to the tick. Send the tick to your local health department for identification or contact the Lyme Disease Center at New York Medical College: (914) 285-1700. □

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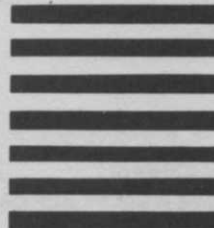
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