

EPA, Syngenta agree to phase out diazinon

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GREENSBORO, NC — The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Syngenta Crop Protection USA have agreed on a four-year phase out of diazinon, an insecticide used to control insects and grubs.

The announcement comes six months after the voluntary cancellation of another insecticide, Dursban, by the EPA and Dow AgroSciences. Both insecticides were under

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of diazinon will have less of an effect.

“So far, the loss of Dursban and diazinon hasn’t hit us where it hurts because we haven’t been using them for a long time anyway. I think it will have more of an impact on do-it-yourselfers,” Robertson says. “Still, there’s no question this is all a big concern for us. But I’m more interested in what they will allow in the future and what good products they will allow us to keep. As long as we have new and improved chemistries that are available to us, I think we’ll be okay.”

Bob Andrews, owner of The Greenskeeper, Carmel, IN, echoed Robertson’s concerns and doesn’t believe the EPA’s actions have any less impact simply because Dursban and diazinon were in limited use.

review as a result of the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 which toughened pesticide laws.

While the loss of Dursban had greater impact on the Green Industry, many lawn care operators like Jack Robertson of Jack Robertson Lawn Care, Springfield, IL, believe the loss

“If the product that was in the gun sites was something used daily, I’m sure no one would say it was no big deal,” Andrews says. “Farmers and golf course superintendents can

still use this stuff, so I wonder if the EPA is targeting people who they feel won’t fight back. I think we need to a better job of defending our use of these products.”

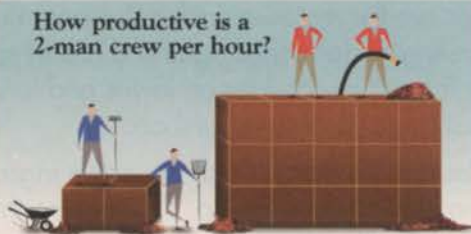


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EII acquires North Haven Gardens

CALABASAS, CA — Environmental Industries, Inc. (EII) acquired North Haven Gardens, Inc., Dallas, TX, a \$17-million full-service landscape company. North Haven Gardens will operate under EII's landscape and maintenance divisions.

e-Greenbiz.com, Growzone.com merge

BOULDER, CO — e-Greenbiz.com and Growzone.com signed a letter of intent to merge the business-to-business assets of both companies. Under the proposed agreement, eGreenbiz.com will provide the technology solution and customer relationship management for both companies.

MacKissic acquires Johnson Big Wheel

PARKER FORD, PA — MacKissic, Inc. acquired Johnson Big Wheel® Mower, Ridgeland, MS, producer of high wheel mowers. The initial focus will be to continue supply to Johnson Big Wheel current customers before making the high wheel mowers available to MacKissic's existing distributor and dealer base.

Feds finally fund turfgrass scientist at USDA

BELTSVILLE, MD — The USDA will, sometime early in 2001, fund its first full-time turfgrass research scientist since Jack Murray's position was abolished after his retirement in 1988. This is a result of the passage of the FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The new position will be located here at the Agricultural Research Center. The new scientist will work on improving genetic stocks of new and promising turfgrass species, as well as provide scientific support to the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP), said Executive Director Kevin N. Morris.

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Correction In the November issue of Landscape Management, the article on Person of the Year Terry Kurth referred to atrazine as a fungicide. It is not. Rather, it is a selective herbicide used for broadleaf weed and grass control in corn and sorghum. We regret the error.

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Environmental Care, the landscape maintenance company of Environmental Industries, appointed **Brian Storm** vice president. The company also hired **Mark Frederick** as branch manager for Denver, CO.

Roberts Seed Company appointed **John Zajac** as director of market development.

Weed Man and Turf Management Systems appointed **Michael Kernaghan** chief operating officer.

Smallwood Landscape, Naples, FL, appointed **Jud Griggs** vice president of operations.



Kujawa Enterprises' Chris Kujawa, CCLP, was named one of Milwaukee's "40 Under 40" by the Business Journal of Milwaukee. The distinction honors Milwaukee's young business people. Kujawa Enterprises is located in Cudahy, WI.

Pennington Seed appointed **Stanley Kleczynski** southeastern territory manager for its Professional Turfgrass Group. The company also named **David Merchant** assistant manager of Seed Production and Vegetable Seed Divisions for the Seed Group.



Environmental Industries named **Richard H. Klein** Senior Vice President Corporate Development.



Valley Crest, the landscape construction division of Environmental Industries, hired **Steve Titus** as branch manager for Arizona.

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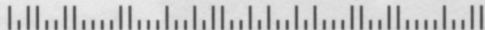
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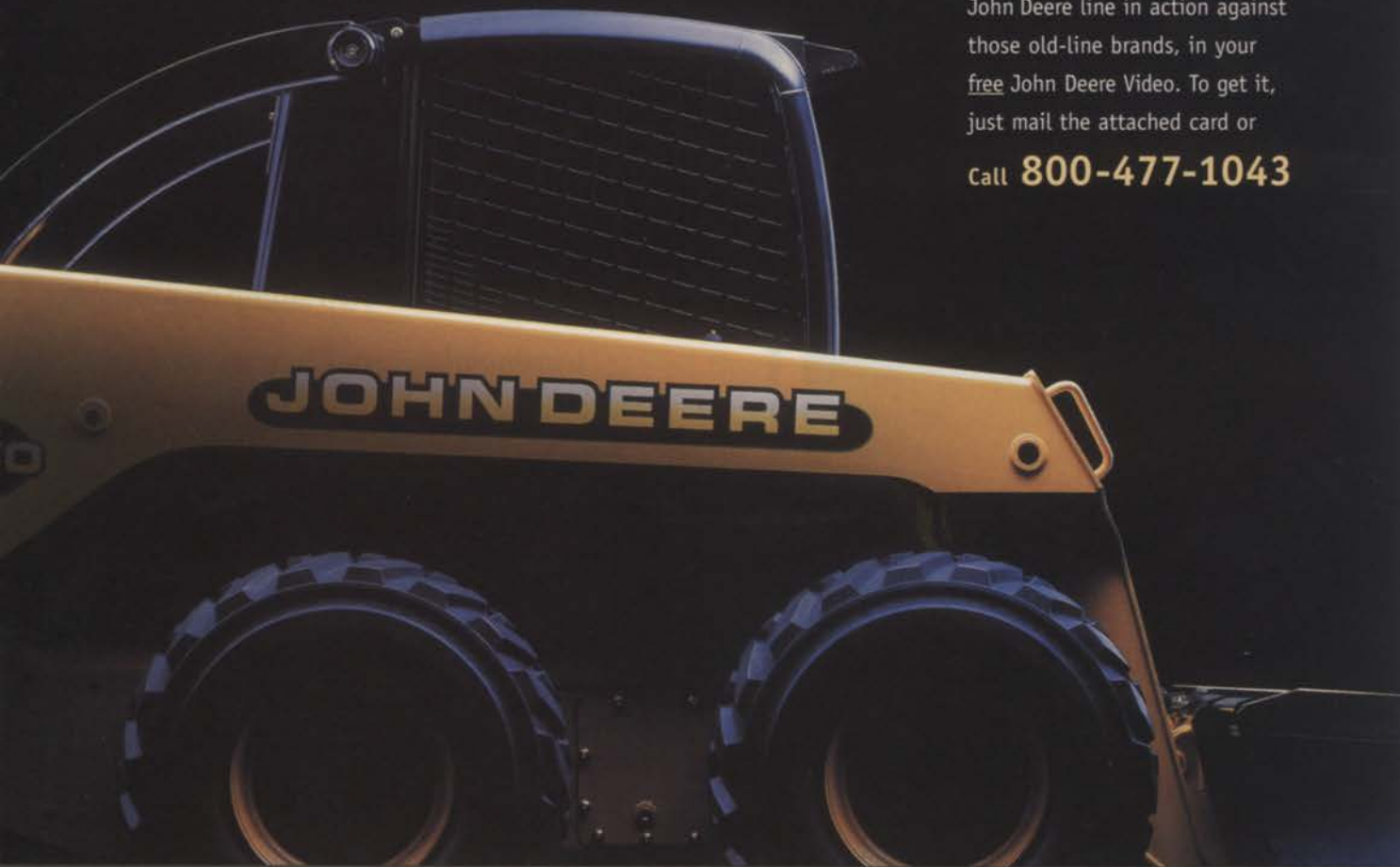
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