

# ROOKIES

## PRODUCT UPDATE

### WATER SOLUBLE FERTILIZERS



For exacting turf managers who don't like to depend upon weather, soil organisms, or leaching to get fertilizer where it's supposed to be when it supposed to be there, water soluble fertilizers may be the answer. Plant Marvel, which has produced fertilizers for more than 60 years, has written and published a free guide to water soluble fertilizers.

The 16-page brochure shows how water soluble fertilizers work compared to granular-applied products. The company recommends controlled regular feeding over infrequent fertilization. This permits close adjustment of fertilizer to plant needs at various times of growth cycles.

The water soluble fertilizer is compatible with other turf chemicals and includes a blue trace dye to avoid missapplication or over-application. The products have a low salt index to prevent foliar burn and can be applied through irrigation systems equipped with injection metering systems.

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### PERENNIAL RYEGRASS

After several years of testing and evaluation, Garfield Williamson, Inc., has announced the availability of certified Omega II perennial ryegrass.

According to vice president John Zajac, "This advanced generation of our original Omega seed is better in every way. It starts off fast, is winter hardy and gives excellent summer performance.

"It resists insects and diseases, including brown patch, leaf spot and crown rust. It grows in sun and light shade, has medium color and blade width and blends well with other grasses."

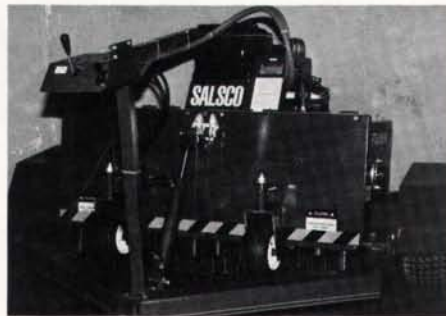
Omega tillers-in thick, yet its dwarfish growth pattern makes less frequent mowing and lower maintenance landscaping possible, says Zajac.

Omega II is recommended for use in golf courses, sports turf, parks and cemeteries, corporate sites, residential lawns, sod production and overseeding.

**GARFIELD WILLIAMSON, Inc.**

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### CORE AERATOR



Sports turf managers can aerate at up to 40 holes per square foot with a new commercial trailing aerator from Salsco. The FTA-60-24 is twice as wide as the company's greens aerator cultivating up to a 60-inch wide swath on each pass.

The self-contained unit can be towed by almost any vehicle and is self-powered by a 12 hp Kohler Magnum engine. The tines are raised and lowered hydraulically from the seat of the pulling vehicle. There is a

choice of 1/4, 3/8, 1/2, 5/8, and 3/4 inch tines, all 3 1/2 inches in length. The tines are free-floating driving by a camshaft. The spacing of the tines and the speed of the unit are adjustable.

**SALSCO, INC.**

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### LOW MAINTENANCE BENCH

Get away from painting wooden benches every year and the corrosion of aluminum benches with Comfort Benches. The molded, colored fiberglass slats conform to body shape. The beige slats can be attached to an easy-to-assemble galvanized steel frame available from the company or to frames currently used for wooden or metal slats.

Designed for golf courses, resorts, parks, and stadiums, the benches will not rot, splinter, crack or break like their wooden counterparts.

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### SOIL STABILIZER



Enka Geomatrix Systems has acquired distribution rights to a soil stabilizer and erosion control material widely used in Europe. The product is a three-dimensional, semi-rigid geomatrix made of non-woven polyester fabric.

When filled with materials such as highly-erosive soils, aggregate or gravel, Armater controls erosion without the need for solid structures like concrete slabs. A honeycomb design provides flexibility, permeability, and light weight.

#### ENKA GEOMATRIX SYSTEMS

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### SPEEDY AERATOR



The Toro Company is taking its first step into the turf cultivation market with its hollow-tine aerator for golf course greens.

Mike Hoffman, Toro marketing manager of commercial products, says "The Greens Aerator was developed to provide golf courses with a durable product that could do the job quickly and effectively." The new machine can aerify up to 13,000 square feet of green, tee, or collar per hour in 27-inch swaths. The tricycle-design aerator has two forward speeds and one reverse. A Kohler four-cycle, 16 hp engine powers the soil core puller.

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The coring mechanism consists of four individual crankshafts that drive four arms, each holding three coring tines. The crankshafts are mounted in precision ball bearings, with the entire coring unit driven by a banded v-belt. Tines are made of case-hardened tubing in three sizes, 3/8, 1/2, and 5/8-inch. The 1/2-inch tine is available with carbide tip. Tines are readily accessible and easily removed with a socket wrench or the entire coring mechanism can be easily detached for servicing.

The tines make up to three-inch deep holes spaced 2 1/4-inches apart. A windrowing device is optional for easier core gathering.

#### THE TORO COMPANY

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### CHIPCO RONSTAR

Long-lasting preemergence control of crabgrass and goosegrass in desirable turf-grasses is possible with just one application of Chipco Ronstar. Rhone Poulenc has combined effective weed control of these primary grassy weeds, safety to nearby trees and ornamentals, and long residual activity of the active ingredient (Oxadiazon).

The herbicide, applied before weed seeds germinate, will not inhibit the growth or development of roots of desirable plants or ground covers. One application remains effective for the entire season.

#### RHONE POULENC

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### THATCH AND MOW



Stay ahead of thatch while saving time with the John Deere thatch attachment for its line of commercial front-mounted mowers. Spring steel tines can be mounted at the front of the mower to gently remove thatch with every mowing.

Thatch retards penetration of water, pesticide and nutrients into the soil.

Before overseeding in the fall, the thatcher tines can be used to make furrows for overseeding. The thatcher also sets up the grass for a cleaner, more uniform cut. The steel tines can break up small mounds to smooth the soil surface. The unit lifts up and locks in position when not in use.

#### JOHN DEERE

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### SOLID TEAK BENCHES



Solid teakwood outdoor furniture, handcrafted in England, may be the ultimate resting place for golfers relaxing between holes. The Chippendale II suite is specifically designed to withstand the rigors of everyday use in public, commercial or residential settings.

The 18th Century lattice back is constructed from solid lengths of mortise and tenoned teak. Extra comfort is provided by extra seat height, broad flat arms, a high back and soft rounded corners. Benches come in five and six foot lengths. A four foot loveseat is also available.

#### COUNTRY CASUAL

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### UTILITY VEHICLE

The Little Red is a cost-effective four-wheel utility vehicle converted from the Honda TRX125. The 40-by-40-inch dump bed and extended wheelbase take an all-terrain vehicle and turn it into a workhorse. San Diego Turf says the Little Red costs roughly half as much as most competitive products but provides the same benefits.

Features include a tool compartment, trailer hitch, lights, electric starter and 5-speed-plus-reverse transmission. Options include a front carrier rack, front bumper, and rubber bed liner.

Little Red is available in kit form for installation on your own machine or completely assembled and ready to use.

#### SAN DIEGO TURF

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