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LIQUID FERTILIZER

A controlled-release liquid fertilizer for turf is now available nationwide called Nitro-26 CRN from Growth Products. The fertilizer was developed in the late 70's specifically for turf applications where no phytotoxicty and a longer nitrogen release are required. It is a true solution containing 80 percent methylene diurea and 20 percent urea and requires no agitation and is stable for more than eight months and at high temperatures. It is compatible with other commonly used turf care chemicals.

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SPRAYABLE SURFLAN

Elanco wants sports turf managers to try their preemergence herbicide Surflan 4AS so much that it will give purchasers spray gear until August 31, 1986. The herbicide can be sprayed over the top of ornamentals to prevent germination of weeds in the planting bed or it can be combined with

Roundup to keep weeds from regrowing in utility areas. One application of Surflan keeps out a broad spectrum of weeds for up to eight months.

A Solo backpack sprayer or Chem-Lawn spray gun will be given to purchasers of 50 gallons, or a Solo Hanjet compression sprayer comes with a purchase of 15 gallons.

The Solo backpack sprayer is equipped with a pressure regulator and a two-nozzle spray boom. It holds four gallons of spray and is manually operated for complete mobility. The Chem-Lawn gun is available with a choice of nozzles for delivery of two to five gallons of spray per minute. The compression sprayer is a hand-pump unit delivering 2-1/2 gallons of spray.

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DIESEL RIDING MOWERS

Longer engine life and a small turning radius are features of this new riding out-

front rotary by John Deere. These advancements were announced in September by the company as part of a major move into the professional turf maintenance market.

The F935 packs 22 diesel horsepower from a three-cylinder, liquid- cooled engine for commercial heavy use. The out-front rotary unit cuts a 76-inch swath for fast work on large areas. A third spindle on the trim side enables the mower to leave an uncut circle of less than seven inches without braking.

Deere is also making differential lock standard equipment on all out-front rotaries. Also standard are side-by-side, dualpedal foot control system with cruise control, power steering and hydrostatic transmission.

In addition to the gas and dieselpowered out-front mowers, the company has added sweeper, thatcher, snow blower, and vacuum attachments plus a cab.

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