

INDUSTRY HAPPENINGS

EPA E-Mail Network Opened

An electronic bulletin board opened recently to quicken and broaden the flow of information about a complex EPA regulation that covers more than four million farm and other green-industry workers in the US. Anyone who is concerned with the Worker Protection Standard for Agricultural Pesticides (WPS) and who has access to the Internet, Bitnet or a compatible electronic mail system is welcome to join the network of participants. The bulletin board, "WPS-Forum," is maintained as a free public service at the College of Natural Resources of the University of California, Berkeley.

Kathy Taylor, U.S. EPA branch chief for pesticides and toxics in Region 9 noted, "This is a great idea. EPA is very interested in pursuing electronic communication. The agency is reviewing certain parts of the WPS, and we plan to publish the proposed rule changes

on Internet. This forum will be one avenue to publish and obtain comments on these changes."

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Homelite Sale Completed

Textron Inc. and Deere & Co., recently announced the completion of the sale of Textron's Homelite division to Deere & Co.

Homelite, based in Charlotte, NC, is a producer of outdoor power equipment, including string trimmers, chain saws, leaf blowers, brushcutters and related equipment. Deere & Co. and its sub-

sidiaries manufacture, distribute and finance agricultural, construction and grounds care equipment.

Patriots Play Long Island

When the New England Patriots began the 1994 season, they played on Long Island — that is, the new sod at Foxboro Stadium came all the way from New York.

"We looked all over the place in Maine and at our usual supplier in Massachusetts, but we decided on the sod from Long Island because it has a very sandy base," said Brian O'Donovan, the Patriots' vice president of events management. "It's a beautiful grass."

Like most stadiums, Foxboro faces resodding at least once a year, usually right before the football season. But the unusually busy summer schedule included World Cup soccer matches and two Rolling Stones concerts.

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