
HAPPENINGS

Pursell and Simplot Announce Alliance

Pursell Industries Inc. of Sylacauga, AL, and J.R. Simplot Co. of Boise, ID, have entered into an alliance to manufacture and market fertilizers for the turfgrass, nursery, consumer and agricultural markets.

Pursell, a family-owned business incorporated in 1904, manufactures controlled-release fertilizers and markets consumer and professional turf and nursery products. Pursell has been Simplot's primary supplier of controlled-release fertilizer products for more than ten years. Marketing under the Best® and Apex® brands, J.R. Simplot is a West coast market leader in fertilizer products for the professional turfgrass, commercial nursery and consumer home and garden markets.

Under terms of the alliance, the two companies will combine their technology, marketing/distribution and research/development strengths to produce and market controlled-release and other fertilizer products throughout the western U.S., Hawaii, western Canada, Mexico, and Pacific Rim countries, including Australia and New Zealand. The new business arrangement will be governed by a six-member board of managers comprised of three representatives from each company.

Research Finds No Health, Environmental Risks With 2,4-D

Extensive research confirms that the herbicide 2,4-D poses no significant risk

to workers' health or to the environment. This conclusion, supported by approximately 270 studies conducted during the past six years, was presented by members of an industry task force.

"We have completed 90 percent of the studies required by the EPA for registration of 2,4-D, and none of the studies suggest that the chemical poses any significant risk when used properly," says Don Page, executive director of the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data.

The 50-year-old product is the most frequently used herbicide worldwide and remains the third most popular herbicide in the U.S.

The \$25 million, six-year research project was sponsored by Rhône-Poulenc Ag Co., DowElanco, Nufarm USA and AGRO-GOR, all manufacturers of products containing 2,4-D.

ROOKIES

Trencher

Trench N'edge is a rotary trencher designed to define flowerbeds and tree rings. It is highly maneuverable for cutting tight circles and creating contoured landscape borders. The trenching teeth may be set for cutting from two inches to five inches wide, while depth is adjustable up to seven inches. A "clean trench" can be cut up to 25 feet per minute. It can also trench for drain tile, lawn sprinkler systems, low-voltage lighting cable, water lines and root pruning.

FOR THE EDGE

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Ground Stabilizer

Klawog® mound and batter's box mix is a patented processed clay compound designed to stabilize heavy-use areas. Formulated for controlled consistency, it welds with itself for fast, easy installation and repairs. Klawog comes ready-to-use in 50-pound bags.

Formulations are also available for golf course bunkers, horse stables and horseshoe pits.

WESSCO INC.

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Field Absorbent



Rain Check absorbs up to 500 percent more water than clay. It also requires only one person to use and produces the same result as five people working with clay — the result is lower labor costs and less storage room, since less material is used.

Manufactured of 100 percent organic materials, Rain Check is completely biodegradable. It firms up muddy ground for better footing during game play. Unlike clay, it doesn't leave a residue that must be cleaned up later.

PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO.

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Irrigation Plans

Typical sports field irrigation plans are available that are intended for use as general guidelines in preparing estimates and installations.

Plans include official field layouts for football, baseball, softball, tennis, soccer, lawn bowling and croquet. Layouts indicate the location and configuration of irrigation lines, valves and sprinklers. Separate plans have been prepared for various water pressures and budgets. Scaled to professional sports field standards, the plans measure 11-by-17 inches. A set of 27 plans is included in each packet.

HUNTER INDUSTRIES

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