



KY bluegrass in OR

Seed Research of Oregon has introduced its Showcase Kentucky Bluegrass as a new grass seed variety. Showcase is an advance in the development of Kentucky bluegrass for golf course superintendents, sod growers, and sports field managers, says the company because Showcase, unlike other bluegrasses, tolerates fairway-mowing heights (1/2 in. or 25 mm) and performs well in the shade. It also has early spring green-up and excellent fall color, says the company.

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Field protection

COVERMASTER® field cover protection system reduces necessary labor for handling, the company says. From lightweight, heat-reflective covers to the storage roller (TARPMATE™) to TARP MACHINE™, a tarp rolling machine that attaches to the PTO of a 14-hp tractor, the system requires fewer people, even in heavy rain.

As for covers themselves, COVERMASTER has many models available, including silver/white, orange/white, green/white, or blue/white, all of which are less than half the weight of conventional tarps and can be installed or removed in minimum time.

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Help for injuries, bad hops

The Kromer Co. has developed a new attachment for its Athletic Field Maintenance Machine (AFMM) called the Ridge Remover. Previously there's been no specific equipment to get rid of the dangerous ridge of infield material hidden by the grass around the skinned area of ball diamonds; now the Ridge Remover eliminates this ridge using a rotary hydraulic-driven, nylon-bristled broom that spreads the ridge to the infield, where it is leveled by the AFMM's broom attachment.

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Landscape fabric

Tygar Premium Landscape Fabric defends against weeds without back-breaking work or using chemicals. A one-time installation prevents weed growth for years and the manufacturer provides a performance guarantee if the fabric is installed and covered properly.

Continuous polypropylene fibers bonded by heat and pressure create a uniform and porous nonwoven fabric that's resistant to punctures, rotting, mildew, microorganisms, and chemicals. The fabric is lightweight.

Tygar Premium fabric sizes range

from 3 x 25 ft. to 151 x 300 ft. and can be used for a variety of different purposes, including soil retention and walkway support.

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Floating surface aerator

AquaMaster Fountains and Aerators has introduced its latest product, capable of creating a random boil or bubble effect on the water's surface. This low profile aerator is easily installed and works efficiently with any depth, says the company, and maintains a natural aquatic landscape. The aerator is available from 1 to 5 HP with a 3-year motor warranty, and is also UL Listed.

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Engine parts

Prime Line has added 328 part numbers to its line of engine parts. According to Prime Line, this initiative is part of its overall strategy to increase coverage and offer customers a high quality one-stop source for the engine parts you need. Currently the line includes replacement parts coverage for the top engine makers including Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh, Honda, Kawasaki, Kohler, Lawn Boy, Onan, and Wisconsin.

Prime Line says they've made it a priority to continue adding to their engine parts program and that they've beefed up their distribution so that "We can always deliver the parts our customers need on time wherever they are."

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New perennial ryegrass

Amazing Perennial Ryegrass debuts this fall from Ampac Seed Co.

as part of their Turf Perfect® turf line. This variety is notably darker than many ryegrasses available. Bred from Rutgers University, Amazing has disease resistance and golf-course quality performance. In the most recent NTEP reports, Amazing scored statistically equal to the highest rating in more than 18 categories including genetic color, winter color, athletic field quality, home lawn quality, leaf texture, traffic tolerance, leaf spot, dollar spot, and melting out, according to Ampac.

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Mid-mount mower

Bush Hog's mid-mount Zero Turn mowers feature maneuverability in a compact size. The ZT's have a pivoting front axle that follows ground contours, large caster wheels to reduce soil compaction, and a 18,500 fpm blade tip speed for clean cutting and even clipping distribution.

A "quick foot" height adjustment system quickly goes from 1 1/2 in. to 5 in. in 1/4-in. increments, while the dual caliper parking brake locks both drive wheels for secure transportation. These machines are available in your choice of four different engines and three decks (54, 60 & 72 in.) and cover ground speeds up to 10 mph. All models have a 2-year limited warranty.

For more information, circle 134



Weed control

Chipco Professional Products Group of Aventis Environmental Science has introduced a line of herbicides and plant growth regulators (PGRs) for professionals. Acclaim® Extra systemic herbicide is a post-emergent that can control crabgrass in a single application without harming desirable turf. Finale® is a non-selec-



Trenchers

Caterpillar® trenchers were developed for cutting narrow, straight trenches in a variety of soil types, and operate with the skid steer loader traveling in reverse with the boom angled down between 45 and 65 degrees from horizontal.

The model T9 operates to a maximum depth of 48 in. and maximum width of 10 in., while the T15 uses auxiliary hydraulics to reach 60 in. deep and up to 12 in. wide. Both units feature a direct drive system with a variable-speed, bi-directional, gerotor-style hydraulic motor.

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tive postemergent that can control many annual and perennial grasses and broadleaf weeds, including poison ivy, dandelion, thistle, and white clover, with visible results in 1-4 days.

Ronstar® herbicide offers season-long control of 25 broadleaf weeds and grasses, including goosegrass and crabgrass, and can provide up to 120 days of control with one preemergent application, the company says, without inhibiting turf or ornamental growth. It is available in granular, water-soluble packet, and a fertilizer mixture. Proxy® is a Type II PGR for use on cool-season turfgrass; by slowing turf growth, it reduces mowing frequency and clipping volume, says Chipco.

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Backpack blower

Here's the EB4400 backpack blower from RedMax, a division of Komatsu Zenoah America Inc. The



company says its unit is rugged, quiet, and lightweight (19.4 lbs.), and moves up to 565 cfm of air at speeds up to 160 mph, all the while producing just 69 dB (A) of noise from its 41.5cc two-cycle engine.

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Digging attachment

Ditch Witch manufacturer The Charles Machine Works has added a hydraulically traversing (optional manual) digging attachment for their model 5700 trencher. The model H514



attachment replaces the H412 and features a sealed Eaton motor and new bearings and headshaft to eliminate need to pre-load bearings. The larger lifting cylinder offers more capacity and effectiveness, especially when coupled with the optional 5-foot boom, says the company. This model also uses components common to Ditch Witch H313 and H314 attachments to offer increased parts supply.

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