

DOT COM TAKE A LOOK

- The J.R. Simplot Co.'s Turf & Horticulture group has launched the APEX® website at www.apexfertilizer.com. Visit for product information as well as reference information such as conversion tables and area measurement instructions, and a list of distributors. Beyond tech bulletins and MSDS sheets for each product, the site includes release rates of each specific formulation with four different temperature variables, says the company.
- Visitors to www.seedsolutions.com can find complete product information from the company that is comprised of five regional suppliers of forage, turfgrass, native grass and garden seed, erosion control products, and other seed-related products. Seed Solutions was created last year to provide each individual operation the chance to share marketing costs, inventory, and expertise.
- Agrotain International has launched www.stabilizednitrogen.com, devoted to UMAXX™ and UFLEXX™ stabilized-nitrogen technology, which the company says offer an environmentally friendly and economical alternative to slow-release nitrogen fertilizers. "Our landing page leads to separate paths tailored to golf, turf, or specialized applications, whatever your interest," says Alan Nees, vice president of turf and ornamental sales. "Stabilized-nitrogen fertilizers do not depend on seasonal microbial activity and can be applied year-round."

TURF SPEAKERS BUREAU GROWS

Chipco has expanded the offerings of its Speakers Bureau, which provides technical expertise for continuing education of turfgrass professionals. Nine Chipco field and technical development managers are now available to deliver presentations on the following topics: Replacing Organophosphates; Poa Annua Control; Summer Stress & Turf Quality; Fungicide Resistance Management; and Fire Ant Safety.

"We provide this service as a courtesy to organizations as a symbol of our commitment to the needs and concerns of turfgrass professionals," says Jim Fetter, Chipco Professional Products' marketing director.

For more information, see www.aventischipco.com or call 1-800-438-5837.

DEERE IN TRANSAXLE BIZ

Deere & Company, Yanmar Diesel Engines and Kanzaki Kogyokoki Mfg. will form Transaxle Manufacturing of America Corp. to build tractor and utility vehicle transaxles. The new company will build its headquarters and manufacturing facility on 40 acres in the Waterford Business Industrial Park in Rock Hill, SC, with production scheduled to begin in September 2003.

A transaxle is a unit that consists of a combination transmission and axles used in small tractors and UVs; the new plant will provide these for Deere's Gator® UV and compact utility tractors.



Seed Research of Oregon honored longtime educator W.R. "Bob" Kneebone with its Lifetime Research Excellence award at the Seed Research of Oregon Summer Field Days in Phoenix, Ariz. SRO president Mike Robinson, left, presents the award. From 1971-1976, Dr. Kneebone collected 93 germplasm from old golf greens in the southern half of the United States. By 1982, only five clones survived the intense testing and became the parental clones of SR 1020, the first new and improved creeping bentgrass of its time.

HOW CAT STUFF WORKS

HowStuffWorks.com has added four sections with the help of Caterpillar, Inc.: How Caterpillar Skid Steer Loaders Work; How Caterpillar Backhoe Loaders Work; How Caterpillar Makes Challenger® Agricultural Tractors; and How NASCAR Race Cars Work. No word yet when the site will answer "Why does it rain on my day off?"

FIELDS OF EXCELLENCE® CONTEST

Pioneer Manufacturing's fifth national Fields of Excellence contest to recognize outstanding athletic fields and those who create and maintain them has begun. Any institution or organization that regularly maintains an outdoor athletic field is eligible.

Designed to foster community and school pride, the contest awards winners a four-color banner and framed certificate proclaiming their achievements, and some randomly selected winners will receive scholarships. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2001, and include a completed application, essay, and non-returnable photography. For more information or an entry form, see www.pioneer-mfg.com or call 800-877-1500.

PPEMA TO CLOSE DOORS

The Portable Power Equipment Manufacturers Association will discontinue operations at the end of this year. "Many of our members are also members of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute. These companies bring a great deal of talent and experience in hand held issues to that organization," says Joseph V. Rund, board chairman. "The cost of complying with increasingly stringent

exhaust emissions regulations has imposed a tremendous financial burden on manufacturers. With enhanced ability in hand held product issues, OPEI will now be able to speak with one, stronger and more effective voice for the entire outdoor power equipment industry."

The association began in 1956 as the Power Saw Manufacturers Association.

WASTE WATER STUDY

This fall, Delaware Valley College begins a 3-year study investigating the subsurface application of waste water to an athletic field. Waste water generated from the campus will be applied to an athletic field through a subsurface drip irrigation system. Turf quality and field playability will be the main variables assessed. Three rates of wear will be applied to the field using a wear machine.

The study is funded by the Pennsylvania state Dept. of Environmental Protection and is part of a larger study focusing on the on-site disposal of sewage effluent. For more information please contact Larry Hepner or Dr. Doug Linde, Department of Agronomy, Delaware Valley College, 215-489-2260.

TURF SHOWS

The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) will hold its 26th annual Turf and Grounds Exposition, in cooperation with Cornell University, November 13-15 at the Convention Center at Oncenter in Syracuse. Call 800-873-8873 or email nysta@nysta.org for information.

The Maryland Turfgrass Council will hold its 25th annual Conference and Trade Show January 29-30 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Call 301-345-4199 or email jk77@umail.umd.edu.

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