

# ROOKIES

## PRODUCT UPDATE

### DISEASE PREDICTOR



Diseases such as anthracnose of turf, apple scab and fire blight can be predicted with the RSS-412 Predictor. A battery-powered computer continuously monitors and records air temperature, humidity and rainfall. The device then compares weather information with known disease conditions to predict the chance of disease outbreak. The information can be retrieved either through the display or an optional printer.

The Predictor stores the most recent 16 disease infection histories and other major conditions for disease occurrence in its memory. Current weather conditions are compared to this information to make a prediction so maintenance practices can be adjusted to prevent or cure the diseases.

#### REUTER-STOKES

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### ON/OFF TOPDRESSER



Add to the versatility of your turf truckster with the Mete-R-Matic top dresser. Turf-32 sportsTURF

co designed the unit to be quickly installed and removed on Cushman, EZ-Go, Smithco and other turf trucksters. The F-16 top dresser has the same features as the company's self-propelled and towable models.

A 3 hp I/C engine powers the conveyor belt and revolving brush. Material is loaded into a 11.5 cubic foot hopper. An easy-to-reach throttle control can change the conveyor speed to give even spreading of topdressing varying in moisture content. The revolving brush shoots the topdressing downward with a force sufficient to penetrate the turf.

The F-16 can also be used for application of calcined clay on baseball diamonds, salt on icy walks in the winter and any pulverized or screened material to large areas. The unit applies a 31-inch-wide swath of material at speeds up to 2½ miles per hour. An adjustable metering controls the flow of topdressing.

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### WALK-BEHIND ROTARY



Two three-gallon fuel tanks cut down on wasteful fuel stops with Ransomes' 48-inch wide rotary walk-behind mower (M48-16). The mower is constructed for rugged commercial use with a 16 hp Briggs & Stratton engine, heavy cutter deck and caster wheels with roller bearings and grease fittings. Fingertip levers control power to each wheel for moving, stopping and power turning. The instrument panel is located within reach of the operator.

Mowing height is easily adjusted by changing spacers on the two front wheels. The blade engage control and engine kill switch is located on the handle for extra safety. The M48-16 can be driven onto a trailer for transport to another job site.

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### PULL-BEHIND AERATOR



Just because a field is large doesn't mean it can't be aerified. Ryan has solved the big field problem with its Tracaire and Renovaire.

The Tracaire can be mounted on any tractor with a category 1 three-point hitch with 1,000 lb. lift capacity. Designed for large, flat areas, it can be used with coring, slicing or open spoons which leave a six-by-six inch pattern. The Tracaire can aerate up to seven acres per hour.

For rolling, uneven turf areas, the Renovaire can handle up to five acres per hour. Independently-mounted tine wheels follow the surface contours for slicing or coring. The Renovaire is a towed unit with hydraulic lift. Both units cover a six-foot swath and can pull a drag mat to break up cores after aeration.

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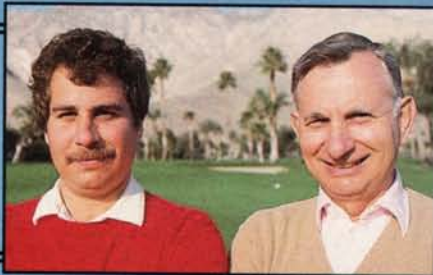
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