

State Sponsors Pesticide Container Recycling In Adams Co.

ASPERS (Adams Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd W. Wolff visited a plastic pesticide container recycling site in Adams County today to observe a new program that helps farmers properly dispose of pesticide containers.

"Growers in Pennsylvania are some of the most responsible users of pesticides in our society,"

Wolff said. "Through this new program we have already collected and chipped more than 2,400 pounds of empty pesticide containers."

The state's pesticide container recycling program began earlier this year and container drop-off points have been designated in Adams, Franklin, and Lancaster

counties in the first phase. Some drop-off sites began operation in May, and will continue until November.

Secretary Wolff visited the pesticide container recycling site at the Adams County Nursery in Aspers, Adams County. The nursery is also the location of a recycling site taking place on August

19 and October 11.

All sites will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the scheduled days. All plastic pesticide containers must be triple rinsed or pressure rinsed and clean both inside and outside in order to be accepted for recycling. There is no charge

to producers for the recycling program.

For more information about the plastic pesticide container recycling program, contact the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry at (717) 787-4843.

Penn State, Turfgrass Council To Dedicate Turfgrass Museum

LEMONT (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania State University and the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council have jointly announced plans for the dedication of a turfgrass science museum, the "Mascaro/Steiniger Turfgrass Museum," on the college campus during the Penn State Turfgrass Field Days, scheduled for August 10-11 at University Park.

According to a news release from the Pa. Turfgrass Council, which is headquartered in Lemont, a town near University Park, the 40,000-square-foot museum is being constructed on the campus and is to display a number of turfgrass inventions, including those developed by Thomas Mascaro, and also the collection of equip-

ment of Eberhard Steiniger, a well-known golf course superintendent.

The actual dedication ceremony is to be held 11:30 a.m., August 11.

The need for a museum was conceived by Dr. Joseph Duich, retired Penn State professor, who worked hard to accumulate the collection of equipment and tools from the past.

Of the museum namesakes, Mascaro was instrumental in the development of modern tools for use by golf course superintendents. He was president of West-Point Products for 55 years. In 1986, he and his son John formed Turf-Tec International, in Oakland Park, Florida, a company that designs diagnostic turfgrass

instruments for golf course superintendents.

The instruments allow superintendents to do a better job in monitoring soil, moisture and nutrient conditions. The job of a superintendent includes raising a variety of grasses and landscaping plants and trees and, in doing so, creating a landscaped, recreational facility. They also normally manage a work crew.

Penn State University offers a highly competitive and well respected turfgrass management course whose graduates are almost all placed as superintendents or assistant superintendents on golf courses around the world.

The other man to whom the museum is being dedicated, Steiniger was a golf course superintendent at Pine Valley Golf Club, in Clementon, N.J., for 57 years.

Steiniger is well known for converting a sand-waste layout with only scrub pine, into the number one golf course in the world. He collaborated with Mascaro on all of the more than 20 inventions developed. Steiniger would test and evaluate the performance of the equipment.

He also had accumulated an impressive private collection of equipment which also is to be on display at the museum.

For more information, call or write to the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, P.O. Box 1078, Lemont, Pa., 16851-1078, (814) 863-3475.

Walker To Address Tobacco Growers

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The Pennsylvania Tobacco Growers will hold an educational meeting on August 22 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at Penn State's Southeast Field Lab near Landisville.

Keynote speaker for the evening will be the Honorable Robert Walker, U.S. congressional representative from the area.

Congressman Walker will discuss issues of importance to area tobacco farmers, including the proposed tax increase on tobacco products to fund a National Health Program.

In addition, there will be a demonstration of a new soil fumigant to be used in the preparation of tobacco beds. Pesticide credits will be available.

Other speakers from the tobacco industry will be discussing the tobacco marketing perspective for 1995. All tobacco growers and other interested persons are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Southeast Field Lab is located on Auction Road north of Route 283 just west of Lancaster.

For more information, contact Larry Weaver, President, Tobacco Growers at (717) 354-7477 or Bob Anderson, Penn State Cooperative Extension (717) 394-6851.



At a recycling pickup point at Adams County Nursery are from left, Tom Oyler Jr., producer from Gettysburg, Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff, and Brad Hollibaugh, producer from Biglerville.

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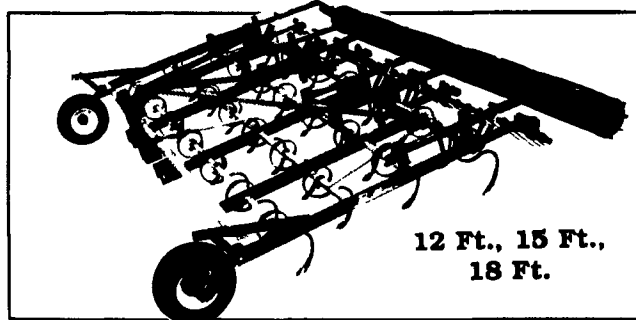
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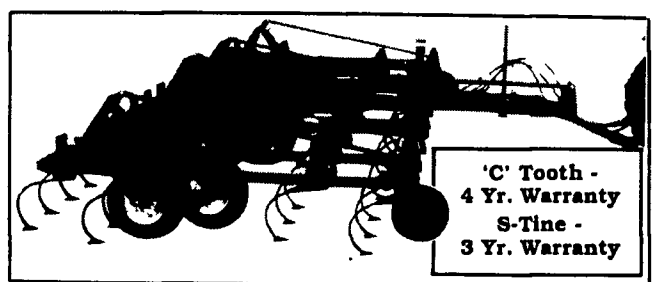


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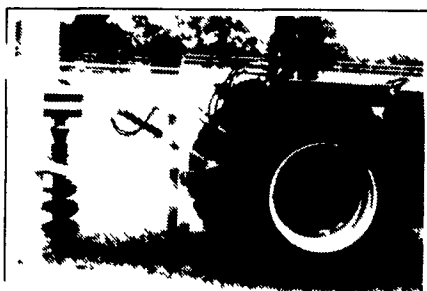
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