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Agrium unveils new product at Green Industry Grad School

Agrium Advanced Technologies' Duration CR fertilizers were introduced in December at the company's Green Industry Grad School in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Duration CR offers polymer-coated urea with 43- to 44-percent nitrogen that is gradually released throughout the plant's growth cycle, resulting in precise, predictable feeding that lasts for months. Available in four longevities with various release rates, Duration CR is approved for both turf and agricultural applications.

Agrium says some of the benefits of a precision-release product are: reduced applications, lower potential for nitrogen leaching and healthier plants.

~ Christina Jesson Schave

Terra Nova Nurseries donates plants to public garden



Terra Nova Nurseries donated 2,500 perennials to the International Rose Test Garden, a public garden in Portland, Oregon, that showcases thousands of roses from throughout the world. The 9,000-square-foot perennial bed made possible by the company is located near the entrance of the garden.

In addition to helping beautify an empty space, Terra Nova Nurseries is using the donation to conduct a test of how well the plants will perform under natural conditions. The donation was featured on an episode of GardenTime TV, which can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/ygpm3k5>.

~ Jennifer Holloway

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10-11 ~ Golf Course Industry Show
San Diego, California
www.golfindustryshow.com

10-11 ~ The 55th Annual Southern Nursery Association Research Conference

Presented by Southern Nursery Association,
Atlanta, Georgia, www.sna.org/events.cfm
17-21 ~ PLANET Executive Forum
Aria Resort & Casino, Las Vegas,
www.landcarenetwork.org

CLIPPINGS

Smooth Operator Video Challenge winner announced

Lucas Kreuscher, owner of Greens Keepers Lawn Care in Lake Mills, Iowa, is the winner of Toro's Smooth Operator Video Challenge. Participants in the contest submitted short video testimonials showing how Toro's new Z Master G3 or GrandStand mower helped smooth their ride. The prize package includes a trip to Walt Disney World and a behind-the-scenes park tour with Disney's landscape and horticultural specialists.

Symbiot announces outdoor power equipment program with Echo

Symbiot has formed a new purchasing program with Echo Incorporated to provide discount prices to landscape professionals who belong to the Symbiot network of service providers. The agreement gives contractors 20 percent off the manufacturer's suggested retail price on Echo, Shindaiwa and Echo Bearcat branded equipment.

Horizon to distribute TrynEx products

Horizon Distributors partnered with TrynEx to distribute the SnowEx, TurfEx and SweepEx product lines. SnowEx will be available in Horizon locations in Idaho, Utah and Washington. TurfEx and SweepEx will be available in all Horizon locations except Colorado.

Briggs & Stratton introduces new Vanguard engines

Briggs & Stratton Commercial Power has added four new Vanguard single-cylinder engines with gross horsepower ratings ranging from 5.5 to 10 horsepower. The new engines represent many new features specifically designed to address the top worksite challenges cited by end-user customers and OEMs: heavy dust, lack of regular maintenance, filtration issues and oil dilution during transportation. "By listening to customers and working with OEMs, we have developed an engine series that will raise the standard of dependability in the toughest job site situations," says Dan Roche, marketing manager, Briggs & Stratton Commercial Power. For more information, visit www.vanguardengines.com.