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SPRING CONTROL OF CRABGRASS

Crabgrass, the number one summer pest in the lawn, can be controlled most successfully in spring. With the use of new chemicals called pre-emergents, it is possible to achieve nearly 100 percent eradication of the pest with one application.

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Of course effective weed control begins with good culture. A thin, sparsely seeded lawn will not become luxurious simply because the area has been treated for crabgrass. In fact, the bare spots may even become more noticeable. Hence seeding and fertilizing at the appropriate time are an important part of the lawn improvement program.

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Three chemicals which have shown consistently good results in controlling crabgrass are the arsenates, Dacthal and Zytron. When properly applied at the right time, these chemicals will give excellent results. But as is true with other chemicals, unless you follow directions carefully, the results may be unsatisfactory.

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Fertilizing and applying chemicals to control crabgrass can be done at the same time. However, read the directions on application carefully.

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