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IRRIGATION

Valmont Industries, Inc., Valley, Nebrask has announced that it has established a National Used Irrigation Equipment Clearing House to bring together buyers and sellers of used irrigation systems over the U.S. and Canada.

Either buyers or sellers of used systems can contact Valmont or an authorized Valley irrigation dealer for a complete listing of equipment available from Valley dealers. The Company said that

between 100 and 150 systems are regularly listed for sale

monthly by various Valley dealers on the company's Realdeal Gram Valmont also said that financing is available for used Valley systems and for other brands on a selected basis. Center pivots, including electric, oil, water and airdrives are included in the listings, as well as travelers and wheel lines.

Valmont said that the National Used Irrigation Clearing House was an industry first. The Company also said that action was in part a response to the rising market for good used equipment in most sections of the U.S. and Canada. Full details can be secured by writing Valmont Industries, Inc., Valley, Neb. 68064 or call toll-free 1-800/228-9203 (in Nebraska call 1-800/642-9730). Valmont is the world's largest manfacturer of center pivot and linear-move irrigation systems.

ROUND BALE HANDLER

Popularity of round bale systems is spreading to the more humid, higher rainfall areas east of the Mississippi River, according to John Furry, Sperry New Holland



product manager for round balers.

As a result, explains Furry, there is an increasing demand for bale handling equipment to transport and store large round bales.

Indoor storage 1sn't needed in low rainfall areas and may not be economic for medium-quality grass hay which sheds rain rather well. But high value, thick stem crops such as alfalfa do not shed water as well as grass hay. This makes some sort of weather protection a paying proposition where frequent rains can be expected between harvest and feeding.

The new Model 90 round bale handler for Category II



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and filly 3-point tractor hitches has been developed to meet these bale moving and storage needs, according to Furry.

Depending on bale diameter and tractor hitch specifications, this handler stacks round bales two-high on trailers for transport from field to storage area. At storage it can stack bales three layers high. This makes the unit a good choice for use in pole barns as well

as where bales are stacked under plastic covers.

Safety must be kept in mind whenever round bales are moved, Furry points out. For most operations, stacking large round bales more than three layers high may tend to increase handling hazards.

For more information contact: Ivan Glick, Sperry New Holland, New Holland, Pa. 17557, 717/354-1277.

Fuel for farmers promised

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has announced that the Department of Energy (DOE) is immediately implementing a federal mandatory diesel allocation program that will entitle farmers and others in the food and agriculture sector to 100 per cent of their diesel fuel requirements.

"Any shortages of diesel fuel could significantly reduce the size of harvests, create a tight supply situation, and result in serious market disruptions."

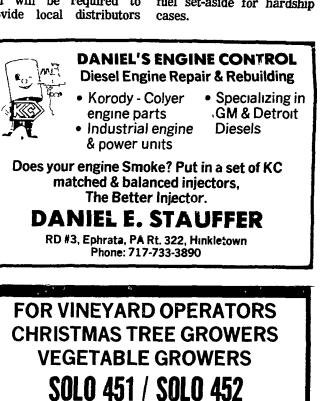
President Carter has said he would not allow agricultural production to be disrupted by a shortage of petroleum.

The DOE action means wholesale suppliers of diesel fuel will be required to provide local distributors

and retailers with supplies sufficient to meet farmers' needs. If necessary, major oil company refineries can be instructed to move fuel supplies to wholesale suppliers in agricultural areas.

"The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) county offices will report farmers' planted acreages and provide other information that will help implement the agricultural priority and provide this information, upon request, to fuel dealers, state energy offices and the Department of Energy," Bergland said. Bergland said county

ASCS offices will continue to work with state energy offices and their allocation of the four per cent State diesel fuel set-aside for hardship



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