

# First-Time Farmer Program To Begin In Pa.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Agriculture Secretary Boyd E. Wolff and federal Farmers Home Administration State Director Cheryl Cook have reached an agreement that will start a First-Time Farmer Program in

Pennsylvania. "We're working to get this program up and running," Wolff said. "First-Time Farmer loans will create opportunities for people who want to participate in Pennsylvania's number one industry."

The First-Time Farmer Program provides low-cost financing to assist commonwealth farmers in farming careers. Loans are provided by participating lending institutions and are financed by

the sale of federally tax-exempt bonds. Beginning farmers programs typically carry interest rates of two to four percentage points below conventional rates.

The First-Time Farmer loans may be used for purchasing farm-

land, improving land, purchasing or constructing farm buildings, purchasing depreciable agriculture machinery and equipment and also livestock.

Qualified borrowers may seek up to \$250,000 for purchasing land, farm buildings, and financing land improvements and up to \$125,000 of the \$250,000 may be used for equipment and livestock purchases.

To be eligible for a First-Time Farmer loan, an applicant must never have held a direct or indirect ownership interest in substantial farmland, have a net worth of less than \$200,000, have access to adequate working capital, be educated or experienced in the type of farming operation for which the loan is sought, not be buying from a closely related person, and not be refinancing an existing debt.

For additional information on the Pennsylvania First-Time Farmer Program, contact the Department's Bureau of Agricultural Development at (717) 783-8460.

# TOP 10 REASONS



## WHY YOU SHOULD BUY A

# TANCO BALE WRAPPER

### TANCO

### COMPETITION

**1.** Five (5) points of support on turntable: Four heavy duty rollers add stability and support to the perimeter of the turntable in addition to the main central shaft. This allows Tanco wrappers to safely wrap the heaviest silage bales on rough or uneven ground.

Competition uses one central shaft to support the entire turntable mechanism

**2.** Single solid belt on turntable: The single belt enables Tanco wrappers to effectively wrap misshapen or soggy bales providing a positive surface for bale rotation.

Competition uses either no belts between rollers, or multiple belts which can allow bales to sag and slip

**3.** Adjustable extendable axle: On trailed models the extendable axle provides a wide, stable wheel base when loading bales. Eliminates the need for counter weights.

Competition must add counterweights or tandem axles as options to effectively handle silage bales.



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**4.** Top rollers on turntable: Extra rollers provide security to keep bales in place when wrapping at high RPM's (25) or on uneven terrain.

Competition - None.

**5.** Unloading ramp on trailed models: The ramp allows bales to be unloaded gently. When a wrapped bale falls hard it can "burp." Once it "burps" the bale does not re-seal. The ramp gives a smooth transition between the ground and turntable.

Competition - optional drop mats or ramps available

**6.** Optional "High Rise" axle kit for soft ground conditions.

Compare!

**7.** Models available to fit every individual need, including machines to wrap big square bales. Tanco was first to build a large square bale wrapper, and continues to produce advancements in bale wrapping technology.

Limited product lines

**8.** Positive bale positioning: While being wrapped, bales are rotated the exact distance required to obtain optimum coverage.

Competition uses continuous hydraulic advance. Bales can slip or over-rotate giving an uneven wrap

**9.** Durability: Tanco's subframe is one of the heaviest of any machines available in North America. The low profile design keeps silage bales closer to the ground with a low center of gravity for stability. Tanco's features are the result of years of experience and input from hundreds of individual, and commercial users.

Competition - Compare!

**10.** Price: From a basic 3 point Model AW200, to the trailed Model AW400 with automatic cut & start, bale and batch counter, and tractor seat controls, Tanco prices are very competitive. Pay less for more features and durability than any other bale wrapper on the market.

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