



Round Baler Special For Silage

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The New Holland Model 644 Silage Special round baler is a superior baler for dry crops, but has unique features that make it even better for material baled between 50 and 65 percent moisture for silage.

Bales are formed by a combination of rolls and belts. The front rolls pivot to provide a large core-forming area. Bale weight is largely supported by the floor roll as the bale forms.

Sealed in plastic, the 1,300-pound 4x5-foot bales preserve quality crops as palatable, very digestible, high-protein silage, said New Holland product management. A new, optional Bale-Slice™ system uses retractable knives to slice the bale after the core is formed. The knives retract just before wrapping begins. Slicing the crop allows firm packing and easier feeding. The internal slicing action speeds ration making when bales are processed in the new TMR mixer-



The New Holland Model 644 Silage Special round baler is designed for the additional weight and stress of baling high-moisture crops. Twine or net wrap options are offered. The optional Bale Slice™ system features a series of knives in the starter roll that slice the bale as it forms. The knives retract just before wrapping begins. The internal slicing makes bales easier to feed or process in TMR mixer-feeders.

feeders designed for round hay and silage bales.

New Holland engineers designed the 644 Silage Special for best performance in the widest range of conditions, the company

said. The machine has a two-position stuffer to accommodate both drier and high-moisture crops. Stuffer tines are steel-welded teeth for smooth feeding action in tough, heavy crops.

A wide pickup makes it easier to fill bales end to end for improved shape and density. The pickup tines are closely-spaced for best performance picking up from either unranked, wide mower-conditioner swaths or windrows. The sledge follower roll and tailgate nose roll have welded steel loops and heavy-duty, sharpened scrapers to avoid gummy crop residue buildup. Unlike fixed-chamber balers, the Model 644 Silage Special variable chamber bale forming lets operators choose any bale diameter. Wide tires and a reinforced axle are designed to carry the additional weight of heavy silage bales.

The 644 Silage Special is available with Auto-Wrap™ twine or Fastnet™ wrap with plastic netting.



Charles J. Wonsidler, left, was recently recognized by Agco Allis. At right is Robert Ratliff, Agco CEO.

Wonsidler Recognized By Agco Allis

ATLANTA, Ga. — Charlie Wonsidler of C.J. Wonsidler Brothers, Quakertown, Pa., was recently recognized for outstanding sales performance in 1995 by Agco Corporation.

As one of the company's top

performers in farm equipment sales, Wonsidler was invited to attend Agco's annual dealer conference in Orlando, Fla. Only 400 of the more than 7,000 Agco dealers from around the world were invited to join this elite group.

Dekalb Targets Production Plant Upgrades

DEKALB, Ill. — Responding to their expanding seed business and their corporate goal of improving the reliability and quality of their seed products, Dekalb has announced an ambitious five-year capital improvement program.

Nate McGuire, Dekalb's vice president of operations, said the company will invest more than \$10 million in this program's first year alone.

"With demand increasing for Dekalb seed, many of our plants are operating above their designed capacity," said McGuire, adding, "To meet current demand and future growth goals, our facilities and equipment will be modernized with the latest technology in seed conditioning equipment to improve seed quality and plant

productivity."

While Dekalb is increasing the seed production quality and capacity, they are also expanding irrigated seed acreage planting.

Plants slated for upgrading include:

- Kearney, Neb. — The improvements at Dekalb's Kearney corn seed plant include nearly \$3.5 million for new seed dryers and storage for seed awaiting conditioning.

- Waterman, Ill. — Improvements at Dekalb's Waterman corn seed plant include nearly \$1.2 million for conversion to husk-on harvesting and new truck scales.

- Tuscola, Ill. — The improvements at Dekalb's Tuscola corn seed plant include nearly \$300,000 for a new climate controlled seed warehouse.

- Illiopolis, Ill. — Improvements at Dekalb's Illiopolis corn seed plant include nearly \$300,000 for a new automated packaging system.

- Grinnel, Iowa — Improvements at Dekalb's Grinnel, Iowa, corn seed plant include more than \$1.5 million for conversion to husk-on harvesting.

- Boone, Iowa — Improvements at Dekalb's Boone, Iowa, corn seed plant include nearly \$1 million for conversion to husk-on harvesting.

- Crawfordsville, Ind. — Improvements at Dekalb's Crawfordsville corn seed plant include nearly \$400,000 for a climate controlled seed warehouse.

- Redwood Falls, Minn. — Improvements at Dekalb's Redwood Falls soybean seed plant include nearly \$475,000 for state-of-the-art seed conditioning equipment aimed at improving seed quality.

- Olivia, Minn. — Dekalb's recently acquired Olivia soybean seed plant will undergo nearly \$250,000 of improvements to bring the facility up to Dekalb's quality and capacity standards.

Ag Driver Earns Award

BROGUE (York Co.) — A truck rodeo was recently held for custom applicators in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland by Lebanon Agricorp. Carl Swope of Brogue finished the day in his 1994 GMC spray truck as the overall winner.

He was scored on six categories — safely loading his truck with a prescribed mix of water and limitation pesticides, safety inspection of his equipment, applying a prescribed amount of water in an exactly measured area, drift control around obstacles placed in the field, a test of consistency in nozzle rate across the width of the boom, and written test of rules and regulations. Applicants were given scores of 0 in each category that they were more than 4.5 percent off — not much room for

error.

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Carl Swope

in the post-emergence division of the competition in his 1994 Patriot by Tyler.



Brian Ziegler

Chapman Joins White Oak Mills

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster County) — White Oak Mills has announced the addition of John Chapman, Manheim, as vice president of pork production.

With more than 20 years of swine production experience, Chapman is responsible for overseeing White Oak's entire pork production division. His new responsibilities include supervising production personnel, making routine facility visits, and overseeing hog placement and transportation.

In addition, Chapman will manage the pork production's record-keeping system and genetics programs. Serving as a liaison and establishing regular communication between Wagner Enterprises contract producers and the company, he also will implement cost-and quality-control strategies while assisting with the expansion of contract operations.

A graduate of Moberidge High School, Moberidge, S.D., Chapman

continued his education in Elizabethtown College part-time for two years and earned an accounting certificate.

He was employed as a financial analyst and manager of integrated pork production at Pennfield Corporation for the past eight years and worked at White Oak Mills as vice president, sales and marketing from 1983 to 1987.



John Chapman

Northrup King Receives Experimental Use Permit

GOLDEN, Minn. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved an 8,400-acre experimental use permit (EUP), which allows Northrup King Company and the government to evaluate the efficacy of the company's corn borer resistant hybrids during the 1996 growing season.

EUPs are part of the EPA's approval process for herbicides, pesticides, and plants which are genetically transformed to provide resistance to insects and diseases. With this EUP, Northrup King will plant the equivalent of 3,000 bags of Bt corn seed in small- and large-scale plots in 39 states this spring.

"The scope of this EUP — 7,100 acres larger than last year — gives agronomists, our sales force and dealers, and farmers who act as plot cooperators an opportunity

to more closely evaluate the performance of our Bt hybrids in small- and large-scale plots," said Edward T. Shonsey, president and CEO of Northrup King.

"Throughout the industry, quantities of Bt corn commercially available for planting this year are extremely limited," Shonsey said. "So the number of acres in the Northrup King EUP means that farmers will have a better opportunity to observe the efficacy of these hybrids alongside traditional hybrids in a field or test plot near their own operations."

Shonsey noted that the test plots also will further demonstrate product performance and increase demand for the product for the 1997 planting season when larger quantities of Bt corn seed will be available to farmers, after the EPA has granted full registration.