



Agco Allis Announces Arrival Of Tractors

ANNVILLE (Lebanon Co.) — Agco introduces the new family of Agco Allis 9700 Series high horsepower row crop tractors, loaded with new features, improved styling and new, electronically controlled engines.

"These new tractors offer more of what our customers consider important features when purchasing high horsepower, row crop tractors," said Henry Meyer of BHM Farm Equipment in Anville. "Improved styling, new engines with full authority electronic management systems, a new smoother shifting power-shift transmission, and improvements in operator comfort meet and excel industry performance standards."

This new Agco Allis line is a

continuation of the 9700 series family that began with the 125 and 145 horsepower models 9735 and 9745. The additions to the line include the 9755 (160 hp), 9765 (180 hp), 9775 (200 hp), and 9785 (225 hp). Each tractor is manufactured to lower operating costs and increase productivity.

Maximum power and in-field efficiency is provided by the Agco Allis 1300 Series 6-cylinder, 8.7 liter, 530-cubic inch diesel engines that offer full authority electronically controlled fuel injection and power cruise systems. Engines on the 9755 and 9765 are turbocharged. The 9775 and 9785 engines feature turbocharging and air-to-air cooling.

Land Pride Recognizes Dealer

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Land Pride, a division of Great Plains Manufacturing, Inc., has announced that Keller Brothers Tractor Co. of Lebanon has recently been awarded the Bronze Price Award for 1998.

Keller Brothers Tractor Company has been recognized with the award for its outstand-

ing achievements in sales and customer service in 1998.

"Land Pride, a manufacturer of rakes, blades, boxscrapers, pulverizers, tillers, mowers, overseeders and rotary cutters, is based in Salina, Kan. Award recipients were announced at its 1998 National Sales Meeting in July.

Ag-Chem Wins Engineering Awards

MINNETONKA Minn. — The American Society of Agricultural Engineers has chosen three Ag-Chem Equipment Co., Inc. (Ag-Chem) (NASDAQ/NMS:AGCH) products to receive the 1997 AE50 Award.

The awards, which were published in Resource Magazine, are granted to the top 50 "...outstanding innovations in product or systems technology introduced during 1997."

Ag-Chem's prize-winning products are the Terra-Gator® 8103, the Terra-Gator® 3104, and the Variable Rate Sludge Applicator (VRT®) as outstanding innovations in product or systems technology introduced during 1997.

The 8103 Terra-Gator is a new three-wheeled, self-propelled agricultural vehicle with a newly designed frame, cab, and overall appearance. The 8103 comes equipped with the John Deere 6081H 300-hp diesel engine, an 11-speed Terra-Shift transmission which shifts under full power at the tap of a lever. Operator comfort in the 8103 consists of 45 percent more glass to improve operator visibility. The Terra-Gator 8103 chassis can be equipped with either a liquid or a dry fertilizer applica-

tion system.

The VRT Sludge Application System is a new product for precise liquid based organic byproduct application for production agriculture. Proper byproduct handling, control, and application are ensured with the Ag-Chem Falcon™, which is a map based, variable rate, product application system. During application, the substance is spread evenly across the tillage tool with a hydraulically powered distributor. The pumping system has a capacity of more than 1,500 gallons per minute. All controls are electronic and automated to increase operator comfort.

The 3104 Terra-Gator is a severe service, high-flotation, off-road, four-wheel vehicle with articulated steer and selectable two or four-wheel drive. The power train includes a John Deere 6081H diesel engine, rated at 300hp, and an 11-speed Terra-Shift transmission. The transmission can shift-on-the-go under full power by tapping the shift lever up or down. The 3104 was designed with ergonomics in mind by providing an air-ride captain's chair, full-view door, three-level environmental filtration, panoramic glass, and 360° view windows.

More Drilling Options With 2400, 2410, 2420 From Great Plains

SALINA, Kan. — Great Plains has expanded three-point possibilities with a new 24-foot, three-point grain drill. With a design similar to the popular Great Plains 12-, 15- and 20-foot three-points, the 24-foot drill offers greater productivity and efficiency in a proven performer.

Outfitted with 00, 10 or 20 series openers, the 24-foot drill appeals to farmers across the country. The 2400 with straight-arm openers or the 2410 with parallel-arm openers are solid choices for both conventional and no-till conditions. This side-



Openers on the Great Plains 2420 have side depth wheels for precise depth control and flotation over soft soils.

depth-control openers on the 2420 provide maximum depth

control in low-residue, stale-seedbed conditions. With 24 feet of operating width and 57.6 bushels of total capacity, all models offer increased productivity.

The 2400 is available in 6-, 7 1/2-, 8 or 10-inch row spacing. The 2410 is available in 7-, 7 1/2-, 8- or 10-inch row spacing. The 2420 is available in 7 1/2-, 8 or 10-inch row spacing. Standard equipment includes dual gauge wheels, wide seed cups and seed-level indicators. Markers, shaft monitor and parking stands are available.

Crompton & Knowles, Bayer To Form Seed Treatment Venture

STAMFORD, Ct., and PITTSBURGH — Crompton & Knowles Corporation (NYSE: CNK) and Bayer AG, Germany, represented by its American subsidiary Bayer Corporation, announced they have agreed in principle to form joint ventures to serve the agricultural seed treatment market in North America utilizing the Gustafson business entities.

Gustafson will be the basis of the (50/50) joint venture and will continue to be headquartered in Plano, Texas, under its current management. Gustafson Inc. operates as a unit of Uniroyal Chemical Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Crompton & Knowles.

Bayer will acquire a 50 percent interest in the Gustafson

seed treatment business. When the agreement is concluded, the new joint ventures will serve as seed treatment units for both Crompton & Knowles and Bayer in North America. The value of the cash transaction was not disclosed.

"Both corporations will benefit from this joint focus on development of seed treatment technology and applications in North America," said Vincent A. Calarco, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Crompton & Knowles. "While Uniroyal and Bayer will continue to operate independently in other seed treatment markets around the world, Gustafson's access to the additional technical resources and expertise of Bayer will give it added capabilities in North America."

"Due to our wide range of active ingredients, Bayer already plays a major role in the world's seed treatment business. The synergies that will derive from these joint ventures will further the position of Bayer as a leading company providing innovative seed treatment technology to the seed industry and the farming community," said Dr. Jochen Wulff, president of Bayer's worldwide crop protection business group.

According to Emile Lansu, president of Bayer's American agriculture division, the joint ventures will provide enormous benefits to North America's farmers by accelerating the development of new chemical compounds and biologicals for seed treatment applications.

New Holland Adds 42-62 PTO HP TND/TNS Tractors

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The new TND and TNS 42-62 PTO HP New Holland tractors combine small overall dimensions for maneuverable versatility with large tractor durability features. All are powered by fully "emissionized" 3-cylinder diesel engines rated at 2300 RPM for low noise and vibration.

The three new TNS models (42, 52, 62 PTO HP) feature the exclusive New Holland SuperSteer™ front axle with Traction Management System to automatically engage FWD as needed for improved traction, better fuel economy with reduced tire wear and less turf damage. SuperSteer™ front axles allow the tightest turning radius in the industry. Wet disk brakes are self-adjusting and self-equalizing for positive stops.

The new TND tractors—42, 52 and 62 PTO HP—are offered with cab and choice of 2WD or FWD. TNS tractors are offered with foldable 2-post ROPS or factory-installed cabs. Like the TNS tractors, TNDs are available with any of four transmissions: 8X8 Synchro-Command™ with synchronized mechanical shuttle; 8X8 Synchro-Command with Power Shuttle; 16X16 power shuttle units. The electro-hydraulic power shuttle allows forward to reverse shifting without clutching. Gears are synchronized for on-the-go shifting between gears in each range.

TND and TNS factory-installed cabs are pressurized with air conditioners and heaters as standard equipment.

Large window areas offer maximum visibility. Front and rear washer-wipers are standard. Both TND and TNS tractors feature separate engine-mounted hydraulic pumps to assure full flow steering and to supply all implement hydraulic needs. A 12.4 GPM supplies implement hydraulic power for the 42 and

52 PTO HP units. A 16.9 gallon pump is standard on the 62 HP TN75D and TN75S. Up to four remotes can be installed at the rear of the tractors. A mid-mount hydraulic coupler kit is available for convenient front loader installation. A factory-installed joystick control handle simplifies loader operation.

Company Announces Distributor Agreement

BENSON, Minn. — Custom Ag Products, Inc. has announced a limited distributor agreement with Ag-Chem Equipment Co., Inc., Minnetonka, Minn.

The limited agreement will allow Ag-Chem's aftermarket, parts, and service division to sell and distribute the Redball® line of wholegood products throughout North America. Custom Ag Products, Inc. will continue to

support dealer sales along with the Ag-Chem organization.

This agreement will allow Ag-Chem to expand its line of spray equipment directed to the grower market.

The agreement will give Redball® the needed distribution and sales to expand and grow its product line. This will also allow Custom Ag Products to focus on new product development and research.

Tire Offers Versatile Service

GREENVILLE, S.C.— The new BFGoodrich brand Power Grip™ bias-ply farm and ranch tire from Michelin North America Inc. offers producers a value-priced, general service option for all types of soils and operations.

The Power Grip's excellent traction delivers a firm grip to minimize slippage and maximize the tractor's pulling ability. Its steady, reliable performance is enhanced by the BFGoodrich brand's traditional self-cleaning 45-degree lug which helps main-

tain tread "bite" and provides excellent directional stability even in tough conditions.

The Power Grip is very affordable and provides exceptional resistance to stubble damage, reducing the possibility of punctures and flats. The tire's tread design, wear resistance and performance characteristics are particularly attractive for fitment on front wheel assist tractors as well as rear wheels on older tractors and "utility" tractors. Another primary application for the Power Grip is on older combines and harvesters.

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