

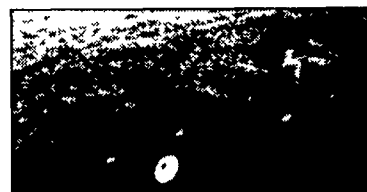
Millcreek Redesigns Small Manure Spreaders

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Millcreek Manufacturing announces a significant product improvement for its popular line of small manure spreaders.

Due to the increased use of ATVs (All Terrain Vehicles) to pull the mini-spreaders, special self-lubricating bearings have been added to key moving parts to allow for the faster speeds at which ATVs pull the spreaders to and from the field.

The spreader no longer has grease fittings that require maintenance. Now, not only can the mini-spreaders be pulled at higher speeds, but routine maintenance for greasing is eliminated.

Glenn Musser, Millcreek product manager, explains the design change. "We found that over 30 percent of Millcreek owners use an ATV to pull their mini-spreaders. An ATV moves at a top speed of approximately 15 mph, something that our spreaders were not originally designed to handle. The upgrade to self-lubricating bearings allows the spreaders to be pulled at these higher speeds. It's just another way that we are constantly improving our product to make stall cleaning faster and



Millcreek redesigned mini-spreaders.

easier for the time-pressed horse lover."

Millcreek mini-spreaders are available in seven sizes, and are sold through a nationwide network of qualified dealers.

Conestoga Buildings Wins National Construction Awards

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — At the recent 2002 National Frame Building Association, Frame Building Expo in San Antonio, Texas, Conestoga Buildings of New Holland, won three national awards for their outstanding construction of pole buildings.

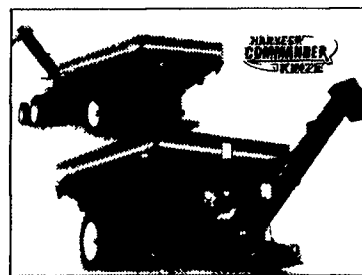
The first award is presented by the NFBA for "Commercial-Under 5,000 square feet" and the Conestoga Building that won is Bryan and Vicki Higgs, Short Automotive, in Church Hill, Md. This building is a brand new automotive repair shop that has four garage doors, two levels of offices, and three auto lifts.

The next two awards were presented by Fabral, metal roofing and siding systems from Lancaster. Fabral holds their own National Building of the Year contest in conjunction with the Frame Building Expo.

Conestoga Buildings won two awards for construction in the categories of "Residential-Garages" and "General Use Buildings." The winner of Residential-Garages is Ryan Clough five-car garage, in Harrington, Del. with a four-foot wainscoting, cupola, and five Allison Sales (Lancaster)/Wayne

WILLIAMSBURG, Iowa — One of the largest-capacity, fastest-unloading auger wagons for in-field grain-handling was unveiled recently by Kinze Manufacturing, Inc., Williamsburg.

The Kinze 1050 Harvest Commander™ Grain Auger Wagon holds up to 1,050 bushels and unloads in approximately two minutes (500-600 bushels per minute). Unloading heights (measured at spout tip) are 13 foot 7 inches on tire-equipped models, and 13 feet 6 inches on track-equipped models. Auger



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reach is up to 6 feet 9-1/2 inches, dependent on tire/track option and setting of the adjustable-width axle.

Giant floater-style Sof-Treds consist of 76 x 50.00-32 16-ply (1250/45 — 32) flotation tires with huge 44-inch by 32-inch one-piece rims, high-capacity

ductile iron hubs, and high strength alloy 4-1/2-inch spindles. Dual, load-equalizing row crop axles/wheels feature four 20.8 inch x 38-inch radial — 2 Star (10 ply) R-1 tires (traction type), which provide more flotation and a 15 percent higher load-rating than previous Kinze 1040 models. Sof-Traks — with 24-inch or 36-inch wide rubber tracks — are designed to provide more flotation and reduced compaction. A new, cast-iron, segmented end wheel design reduces daily inspection and maintenance and makes track alignment less critical.

The new 1050 uses no chains or sprockets and requires considerably less daily maintenance. The improved dual auger unloading system features a unique "on-demand" positive drive for natural unrestricted grain flow, greater efficiency and better horsepower utilization.

IMC Website Gives Timely Nutrient Information

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — With the 2002 growing season here, growers face new challenges and the need for the latest and best in crop-specific agronomic information available. Featuring an easy-to-use format and resources on the best premium fertilizer choice for high-value crops, the kmag.com Website by IMC Global delivers valuable, timely information.

The Website dons a new, user-friendly design and includes spring 2002 fertility information with several new feature articles on forage and potato production.

Dr. Ray Hoyum, vice president of market development and

communications at IMC Global, said the Crop-Specific Information section of the Website gives growers valuable and in-depth data on high-value crops and sound fertility practices that will help them achieve quality yields and higher profits.

"Now more than ever, crop producers need to achieve the highest possible yields and profits to stay competitive," he said. "Through the K-Mag Website, growers can learn how to provide their crops with an overall fertilizer mix that includes several necessary crop nutrients."

Hoyum says growers can access online the K-Mag Agri-Facts bulletins to learn more about the proper fertility practices for high-value crops. Other Website features include a Nutrient Utilization Chart, which explains the various nutrients depleted from the soil every time a crop is raised.

"Growers can also retrieve Website photos that portray crops with visible signs of stress

and nutrient shortages," he says. "Nutrient deficiencies in crops reduce yields, quality and profits to the farmer."

The Efficient Fertilizer Use manual, also available as a CD-ROM from the K-Mag Website, educates farmers on how their profits can be maximized through soil sampling, understanding the role of nutrients in maintaining soil fertility and by practicing sound fertilizer application techniques.

The Back-to-Basics.net link takes users to another IMC Global Website, designed to educate growers and those who influence growers' decisions on the importance of maintaining proper soil fertility levels.

"This is a time when every dollar counts," Hoyum said. "It's through our Websites and other educational materials that growers can learn how maintaining proper soil fertility levels can help reduce the factors that can limit potential yields and profits."

DeLaval Adds Two Milking Point Take-Offs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Milking industry equipment leader DeLaval Inc., recently added two milking point take-off units to its extensive line of automated milking equipment.

The DeLaval™ milking point MP370 and DeLaval™ milking point MP380 were designed to help expand operator efficiency within any stalling configuration. Both units offer numerous operational and delay settings, including vacuum on-time, milk letdown time and level, post milking time delay, milk sweep, and pulsation stop. These programmable features enable the operator to maintain uniform milking practices automatically for every cow and with every parlor operator.

With consistent milking from attachment to retraction and precise milk flow controlled claw removal, these milking points can increase cow comfort as well as facilitate adherence to

a dairy's specific guidelines for udder health.

Both milking points incorporate the new DeLaval™ sensor HFC to handle higher flow rates and faster milkouts of high-production herds, especially on 3X herds. They also feature a durable, water-resistant control box and keypad.

Both units are engineered to enhance the productivity of any size dairy operation. The rugged, yet economical DeLaval milking point MP370 has a three-inch PVC cylinder with cord retraction. For demanding dairy environments, the DeLaval milking point MP380 is built with a two-inch stainless-steel cylinder with chain retraction.

The new milking points will be marketed through DeLaval independent dealers in the U.S. and abroad. They may be ordered individually or specified as part of any DeLaval parlor system installation.

New President Appointed At Kubota

TORRANCE, Calif. — Kubota Tractor Corporation (KTC), the U.S. distributor of Kubota agricultural, construction, lawn and turf equipment recently announced the appointment of Nobuyuki Toshikuni as president.

Toshikuni has served in various engineering and manufacturing capacities and was appointed in 1999 as general manager, tractor engineering. In that capacity he oversaw the development of all Kubota tractors and implements.

Toshikuni assumes responsibility for Kubota Corporation's most important commercial and consumer export market following the successful tenure of past-president Mori Hayashi, now serving as general manager, overseas operations and appointed to the Kubota board of directors in 2001.

The new president's appointment comes at a crucial time in KTC's ongoing development. The company is the acknowledged leader in the under 40-horsepower tractor segment in

the U.S. and has broadened its base in compact construction equipment, larger horsepower tractor sales and the growing lawn tractor and turf equipment sectors. "Clearly our overall goal is to build brand value for our dealers and to provide their customers with the best equipment. As a world-leader in diesel technologies we already have an edge on our competition with the ability to integrate engineering technologies designed by Kubota for Kubota applications," Toshikuni said.

Toshikuni's background as the developer of the current Kubota L-series tractors included an earlier assignment within the U.S. operation during which he evaluated the market potential to Kubota of the lawn and turf segments; this experience added to his considerable management and engineering skills.

A graduate of Osaka University with a degree in mechanical engineering, KTC's new president brings both practical experience and a global business perspective to the job. "Much has changed in the United States since my original posting 10 years ago. But, I am convinced that our dealers and their desire to help make Kubota the leader in all active product segments has not changed.

shop, storage area and family clubhouse.

The National Frame Builders Association Building of the Year awards are the most prestigious awards presented to builders in the post-frame construction industry. Each year several hundred entries are submitted to become one of the 14 winners.

American Pole Building Awarded Building Of The Year

LAWRENCE, Kan. — American Pole Building Company of Ottsville, Pa., has been recognized with the prestigious Building of the Year award from the National Frame Builders Association. The awards were presented at the 2002 Frame Building Expo in San Antonio, Texas in February.

American was presented the award in the Hobbyshop category for the facility constructed for James and Arlene McBrearty of Patch-O-Green Farm. The 2,900-square-foot facility is used as a multi-purpose building that is used as a work-

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