



Belmont Model 2016 skid steer trailer, first in company's new line of trailers.

Belmont Announces New Trailer Line

GORDONVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Belmont Machine Company, Gordonville, recently introduced its new line of trailers for use in landscape, small farm and construction applications.

Competitively priced, the trailers are built with the heaviest grade materials, including six-inch channel steel frames reinforced every two feet, two-inch pressure treated deck, and electric brakes on all four wheels.

The Model 2016 skid steer trailer is among the first of the company's new line. The trailer measures 22 feet four inches long, 102 inches wide, with a deck size of 16 feet by 83 inches, has tandem axles, and easy-load ladder ramps for a wide range of equipment, and has a 10,000 GVW rating. The ramps are en-

gineered for easy operation for loading and unloading.

Standard features include heavy duty 2 5/16-inch ball or pintle hitch, heavy duty drop leg jack, built in chain and binder storage, built in pockets for storing skid steer forks or other implements. All modular electric parts are sealed against water damage, and the wiring harness is internally grounded.

All steel parts are primed with a zinc phosphate primer for corrosion resistance, and protected with a unique high gloss polyurethane enamel that resists chips and scratches twice as long as conventional alkyd paint. The company also provides comprehensive parts and service from its factory. Belmont can be reached at (717) 768-7393. Dealer inquiries are welcomed.

Hytess® Seeds Introduces Three New Alfalfa Varieties

BOULDER CITY, Nev. — Hytess® Seeds has introduced Hytess 410 and Hytess 520 alfalfa varieties, bred for improved persistence, very fast regrowth after cutting and high yields through the use of long-term stress nurseries, and new Hytess 340 PLH alfalfa, which represents the latest breakthrough in potato leafhopper resistance and performance.

Now available for the 2002-2003 planting season, these new releases from Hytess Seeds combine exceptional forage quality with excellent cell wall digestibility and In Vitro digestibility scores for optimum milk production.

Hytess 410 alfalfa combines outstanding yield potential and exceptional forage quality with a late fall dormancy rating of 3.9 and a superior winter survival rating of 1.0. Highly resistant to the most damaging crown and root rot diseases, including Bacterial Wilt, Fusarium Wilt, Verticillium Wilt, Anthracnose — Race 1, Phytophthora Root Rot, and Aphanomyces — Race 1, Hytess 410 earns a perfect "30 of 30" cumulative score on the Wisconsin Disease Index.

Adapted across all major central and northern fall dormancy zones, this "next generation" multifoliate demonstrates excellent early seedling vigor, extremely fast recovery after cutting, very fine stems with high multileaf expression and

consistently produces high quality and forage as measured on an RVF basis.

A four-year study shows that the improved persistence of Hytess 410 produced an average of 31.02 tons of alfalfa per year, for an average of 1.2 to 6.39 more tons per acre per year than the most widely planted commercial varieties. Feeding trials have also shown that Hytess 410 produced more total pounds of milk per acre than DK140, Pioneer® 5454, Affinity +Z, Magnum IV or 53Q60.

Hytess 520 alfalfa combines the exceptionally fast recovery and high yield potential of a fall dormancy five variety with the winterhardiness and superior persistence to survive in northern climates including the Cen-

Hy-Energy Annual Ryegrass Offers Up To Three Weeks Longer Grazing

JOHNSTON, Iowa — Following the successful introduction of Hy-Energy Brand Tetraploid Annual Ryegrass, Hytess® Seeds announces that supplies will be expanded for the 2002-2003 planting season.

Hy-Energy annual ryegrass offers beef and dairy producers a high yielding, highly palatable forage that provides a two- to three-week longer grazing period than other diploid and

tetraploid types, including Gult. Ideal for extended winter grazing, Hy-Energy annual ryegrass produces high yields with aggressive forage growth, excellent palatability and high crude protein levels. This "next generation" tetraploid also produces a larger leaf mass than other diploid and tetraploid types, with excellent rust resistance, vigor, and very good heat and cold tolerance characteristics.

tral Plains, Mid-Atlantic and Western regions. Highly resistant to all major crown and root rot diseases, Hytess 520 outyields other widely planted alfalfa varieties to maximize yields and profits for beef, dairy and commercial hay producers. Hytess 340PLH represents the latest breakthrough in potato leafhopper resistance and performance. Developed using a newly patented PLH breeding process, Hytess 340PLH combines superior resistance to the most challenging insect pests with high resistance to all five major alfalfa diseases in the eastern U.S. — Phytophthora Root Rot, Bacterial Wilt, Fusarium Wilt, Anthracnose and Aphanomyces, as well as resistance to Verticillium Wilt.

National Sheep Shearing Expert To Give Demonstration At Great Frederick Fair

FREDERICK, Md. — World Champion sheep shearer Charlie Swaim will be featured at the Sheep Show Arena noon, Sept. 19, at the Great Frederick Fair.

This highly anticipated appearance was arranged by

Sheepman Supply Company and Oster. Swaim, Drakesville, Iowa, is a four-time national shearing champion and is a field representative for Stewart-Oster.

Swaim will also be available

at the Sheepman Supply Company, a division of Ceresville New Holland, on Thursday, Sept. 19, from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. for advice, discussion, questions, etc.

Home Depot To Sell New Line Of Deere Lawn Tractors

MOLINE, Ill. — Deere & Company and The Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer, recently announced an agreement to sell a new line of John Deere-branded lawn and garden tractors in the retailer's more than 1,400 home improvement stores beginning early next spring.

"The Home Depot has a proud history of providing our customers not only with the best service and prices, but with the best quality brands," said Bob Nardelli, chairman, president and CEO, The Home Depot. "John Deere's reputation for quality, product support and brand awareness is unsurpassed. We're delighted to be their first-ever mass retail partner for John Deere-branded lawn tractors."

The agreement places John Deere-branded riding mowing equipment for sale in the mass channel for the first time in John Deere's history. Models of the new John Deere 100-series lawn tractors will be sold at The Home Depot and at John Deere dealers. The dealers will continue to sell John Deere's broad range of lawn and garden equipment. Additionally, John Deere dealers will provide support and service for lawn tractors sold both at the dealers and at The Home Depot.

"We believe this agreement is unique by offering a new line of quality John Deere lawn trac-

tors in the mass channel with the renowned service and support capability of John Deere dealers," said Robert W. Lane, chairman and CEO, Deere & Company.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed but the companies said the new 100-series by John Deere replaces Scotts® tractors, which have been built for Home Depot by John Deere since 1998. The new 100-series lawn tractors will be offered in cutting widths from 42 inches to 54 inches with various horsepower ratings.

John Jenkins, president of Deere's Commercial & Consumer Equipment Division, said, "By marketing the new 100-series John Deere lawn tractor simultaneously through Home Depot and our dedicated

John Deere dealers, we will reach a wider range of consumers for both John Deere lawn equipment and the service and support capabilities of John Deere dealers. Based on this, we expect a significant increase in the number of lawn tractors sold both at The Home Depot and at John Deere dealers."

As part of the agreement, Deere said it would discontinue manufacturing the Scotts® brand and also eliminate the Sabre® brand of lawn tractors sold through John Deere dealers. Deere said the new 100-series will be available at Home Depot stores and John Deere dealers for the 2003 selling season and will be manufactured at an existing facility in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Farm Bureau Acquisition Of Agway Insurance Approved

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Companies announced that their acquisition of Agway Insurance Company has been approved by the New York Insurance Department. The \$21 million transaction is complete.

Meanwhile, Farm Bureau also announced that Agway Insurance Company will be renamed Countryway Insurance Company, effective immediately.

Farm Bureau had declared in mid-June its intent to purchase 100 percent of the stock of the DeWitt, N.Y., insurance firm but needed regulatory approval before completing the deal. Agway Insurance Company previously was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Agway Inc. The name change was part of the acquisition agreement with Agway Inc.

"We're pleased that the approval process went so quickly and smoothly," said Don Villwock, Farm Bureau president. "We now can benefit from

the great synergy between Farm Bureau and Countryway, and extend our services to farmers as well as other customers beyond Indiana's borders."

"We believe Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance is a great match all the way around for Agway Insurance and its employees," said Agway CEO Don Cardarelli. "Indiana Farm Bureau is strongly committed to farm and rural customers, has similar product lines, and is dedicated to the same core values. The sale also is an important step in helping Agway Inc. improve its financial profile."

Countryway will remain a separate entity headquartered in DeWitt and will retain most of its employees, according to Villwock. It will continue to operate as a property and casualty insurance company through 300 independent agents in New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Virginia.

Dairyland Seed Announces Alfalfa Sweepstakes Winner

WEST BEND, Wis. — A Newman Grove, Nebraska alfalfa producer has won a \$1,000 vacation trip for four to Wisconsin Dells, compliments of Dairyland Seed. Kenneth Nelson won Dairyland Seed's "Have More Fun!" alfalfa sweepstakes.

"We wanted to give producers the opportunity to 'Have More Fun!' with a relaxing vacation on us," said Tom Strachota, CEO of Dairyland Seed. "We also wanted alfalfa producers to know that using the best genetics from Dairyland Seed produces the best alfalfa. Planting alfalfa with the best genetics

certainly pays off at harvest — and that's more fun."

Magnum V alfalfa has finished first in 86 university trials in 21 states. Dairyland Seed's record in alfalfa state trials over the past 25 years is unparalleled, leading all alfalfa companies with nearly twice as many wins as the second-place competitor.

A commitment to research for more than two decades has yielded such successes as team Magnum alfalfas; Forecast 1001 and Forecast 3001, alfalfa varieties with maturities like corn; and the world's first hybrid alfalfa — HybriForce™-400.

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