White Planters Introduces 9000 Series with All New 12 Row, Narrow Transport Row Crop Model

Davenport, Iowa (April 11, 2013) — White Planters™, the industry-leading row-crop planter line from AGCO, Your Agriculture Company (NYSE:AGCO), today introduced its new 9000 Series, featuring the Model 9812-30 forward-fold, narrow-transport row-crop planter. With an enhanced seed meter design and a new cast-design row unit, the 9000 Series reaffirms White Planters’ reputation for delivering precise seed placement and machine longevity with minimal maintenance. Available with a full range of options and attachments, the new planters may be configured to fit any production system, from conventional to no-till and to plant crops ranging from corn, soybeans and sunflowers to sorghum, sugar beets or peanuts.

“The new 9000 Series is ideal for row-crop producers who expect exceptional performance in the field and appreciate simple planter maintenance and operation,” says Gary Hamilton, product marketing specialist with White Planters. “We’ve been building durable, long-lasting planters for nearly 40 years, and we’ve learned what it takes to deliver seed placement accuracy in a wide range of conditions.

“The extensive redesign of the 9000 Series puts it all together in one package and makes this the most significant introduction in a dozen years for White Planters,” Hamilton adds. The 9000 Series builds upon White Planters’ exclusive edge-drop technology: simple, positive-air metering system and reputation for long life. Keys to these 9000 Series planters’ improved accuracy are the redesigned seed meter and row unit.

Gentle, positive air and precision seed drop

The enhanced design of White Planters’ 9000 Series seed meter offers more consistent, uniform air pressure throughout the full circumference of the seed meter to gently, yet securely hold each seed in a seed cell until it is released into the seed tube. A longer, tapered cutoff brush helps hold even light seed, such as sunflower, in the seed cell to ensure critical seed singulation. In addition, White Planters’ positive-air metering system means the planter is far less impacted by changes in airflow or leaks and also eliminates the need for annual maintenance of seals required by vacuum-based systems.

With the exclusive edge-drop design of the seed disc, seed is released near the bottom of the seed disc rotation so the seed can naturally travel down and slightly rearward in the curved seed tube. This minimizes seed contact with the seed tube for more exacting drop and superior in-row seed spacing required for higher yields.

Durable cast-design row unit

The new cast row unit consists of only three components, reducing part count by 70 percent and providing greater strength and durability for long life. Machined assembly points also enhance durability and ensure precise alignment of all components. Maintenance has been minimized with the elimination of grease zerks in the row unit itself, and accessing the seed meter, removing the seed hopper and changing the seed disc are still extremely easy and convenient.

Larger, 16-inch double-disc seed trench openers allow planting depth to be increased to 4½ inches, and depth is now adjustable in quarter-inch increments. Closing wheel down-pressure adjustment (if desired) is made easier by simply slipping a 1 1/8-inch (29mm) wrench over the adjustment handle for more leverage. Easy adjustment and operation allow operators to quickly set the row units to deliver consistent seed-to-soil contact for uniform crop emergence and optimum yields. Changes throughout the row unit minimize maintenance and further enhance durability.

New 12-row, narrow-transport Model 9812 leads offering

Featured in the 9000 Series introduction is the all-new 12-row, narrow-transport, three-section Model 9812-30, which offers 30-inch row spacing and the efficiency of a Central Fill System (CFS).

“We’ve had tremendous demand for a 12-row, 30-inch planter that provides the convenience of narrow transport and the productivity increases that come with a Central Fill System,” explains Hamilton. The 9812-30 joins two other three-section, narrow-transport models, the 9816-30, 16-row and 9824-30, 24-row 30-inch planters. These three-section frames flex 21 degrees up or down at each wing for consistent planting depth across irregular terrain and fold to a 12-foot transport width for convenient movement from field to field.

Options and attachments fit individual needs
As with other planters in the Series, the White Planters Model 9812 may be equipped to fit the needs of nearly any production system. It carries 90 bushels of seed in the CFS hopper or may be equipped with either 2- or 3-bushel individual row-mounted seed hoppers. The 9812 is available with ground-drive or variable-rate hydraulic-drive seeding-rate control. Row shutoff control and variable-rate seed and fertilizer application are made possible with the addition of the C1000 or advanced C3000 terminal/monitors. A pneumatic row unit down-pressure system, two-section point-row shutoff clutches and individual-row auto-row shutoff system are optional.

Closing wheel choices include angled rubber, angled cast iron and single-“V” trench press wheels to ensure seed trench closure in no-till or conventional-till fields. Various tillage and fertilizer attachments also are available. A 300-gallon liquid fertilizer system may be used with the CFS, and a 750-gallon liquid fertilizer tank is used with row unit–mounted versions.

For full details about the new White Planters 9000 Series and the all-new Model 9812, visit white-planters.com or see your local White Planters dealer.

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