AGCO Launches Industry’s First Class 8 Large Square Baler at AgriTechnica

North American introduction of Ultra High Density Baler at World Ag Expo 2018

AGCO Corporation (NYSE:AGCO), a worldwide distributor and manufacturer of agricultural equipment, introduces the industry’s first Class 8 large square baler at AgriTechnica in Hanover, Germany. For North America, the Hesston by Massey Ferguson® 2370 Ultra High Density (UHD) baler will debut at the 2018 World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif., Feb. 13-15. The Model 2370 UHD baler has been created to meet the needs of large commercial hay growers, operations that export hay and biomass material and businesses harvesting biomass for the North American biofuels and livestock feed industries.

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This new baler is designed specifically for producing heavy, dense bales from light-weight, dry, slick grass and crop residue that can be hard to bale. It offers the throughput and reliability large operations require when harvest windows are small, and tons-harvested-per-day is driving an operation’s profitability.

“As their market demands increase, our customers have asked for even more capacity, density and reliability from large square balers,” explains Shaun Allred, tactical marketing manager for hay and forage products at AGCO. “Our engineers in Hesston, Kan., went to work, and the result is the industry’s first Class 8 baler. The Model 2370 UHD makes 3’ X 4’ bales with 20 percent greater density than our industry-leading Model 2270XD baler, and it is built with the durability to run under high loads, covering thousands of acres, bale after bale.” Small and large square balers are ranked in Class 1 through Class 8 using rated plunger load, the most measurable factor impacting a bale’s density. Class 8 is for balers with 750-plus kilonewtons (kN) plunger force, the highest classification.

Key features of the industry’s first and only Class 8 large square baler, include:

- A faster, 15 percent heavier, more powerful plunger that operates at 50 strokes per minute. It packs a maximum load capacity of 760 kilonewtons (kN) - 63 percent greater than the 2270XD baler.
- Heavy-duty main chassis frame, designed to handle heavier loads commonly seen when producing ultra-high-density bales.
- All new OptiFlow™ pickup assembly system with five tine bars and 80 double tines on the pickup assembly to deliver 25 percent greater pickup capacity compared to previous Hesston balers.
- A 28-inch longer bale chamber for greater capacity, equipped with dual-acting, 7-inch-diameter density cylinders to create maximum bale density and a more exacting, consistent bale shape.
- A simple design with fewer cylinders, hoses, couplers and hardware compared to competitive balers, to help reduce maintenance and service. Greater twine capacity and new shielding that makes service faster and easier which also helps keep the baler running more hours for greater productivity.

Allred concludes, “Overall, this new baler will deliver what is most important to large operations - outstanding reliability and more crop in the bale quickly and efficiently. That means fewer bales to bale, handle, move, store and transport, which cuts operating costs and drives bottom-line returns for the operation.”

Full details will be available as the baler is officially introduced in February at the World Ag Expo. The Model 2370UHD large square baler will be available in 2018 from Hesston by Massey Ferguson and Challenger® dealers. To find a dealer near you, visit Hesston.com or Challenger-ag.com.

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