NEW PRODUCTS



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Snake barrier

Dallas-based Atrox Snake Barrier has launched a Kickstarter campaign, offering users a chance to preorder



the portable snake barrier system. Without chemicals, Atrox Snake Barrier offers peace of mind by keeping all types of snakes away from loved ones in a humane way.

The system can protect campsites, patios/porches, playgrounds, chicken coops, hunting blinds and more. Measuring only 10-inches (in.) tall, the Atrox Snake Barrier keeps snakes out, not in, with its revolutionary design. The system is modular and allows a custom fit.

The Kickstarter pledge levels are categorized by the size of the square the user desires, ranging from 5×5 feet (ft.) to 25×25 ft.

For more information, visit www.atroxsnakebarrier.com.

Specialty ag tractors

Kubota Tractor Corp. announces six new specialty ag tractors designed for narrow, low-profile and highclearance applications. The new M Series introductions include the M4N-07I ROPS, M5N-09I ROPS and M5N-III ROPS narrow tractors; the M5N-09IPK Power Krawler tractor; the M6L-III low-profile tractor; and the M6H-I0I high-clearance tractor. These tractors are available at Kubota dealerships now. The new M Series specialty tractors feature Kubota V-3800-Tier 4 engines, intelligently revamped operator stations and improved hydraulics. The highly versatile transmissions are designed to provide superior power and efficiency for the rigorous demands of specialty crop production. The M5N-091 PK continues the company's distinctive crawler design with track upgrades.

For more information contact Kubota Tractor Corporation, 1000



Kubota Dr., Grapevine, TX 76051, 1-888-458-2682, Ext. 900, or visit kubotausa.com.

Gas-powered utility vehicles

John Deere has introduced its gas-powered Gator HPX615E and the diesel-powered Gator HPX815E models that offer 4-wheel drive (4WD) for improved terrain capability and superior payload, cargo capacity, towing and overall stability.

Most notably, the cargo box is one of the industry's best, with removable sides and tailgate, a one-handed, pickup-style opening, and is designed to last with durable composite



construction that makes it dent-, rattle- and rust-resistant. The new models handle up to 16.3 cubic ft. of cargo volume. The cargo box can transition to a flatbed.

Both new models boast sleek styling and a 1,000-lb. cargo capacity, a 1,300lb. towing capacity and a 1,400-lb. payload capacity. Optimal weight distribution, 6 in. of ground clearance and 4WD ensures the new models handle challenging terrain with ease.

The new utility vehicles will begin shipping to dealers during fall 2017. *For more information, visit* www.johndeere.com/gator.

Utility tractor upgrades

John Deere updated its 3-cylinder 5E Series utility tractors for model year 2018. Visibility to the tractor's loader has been improved and controls have been repositioned to further enhance operator comfort and reduce fatigue.

The four updated models are the 5045E, 5055E, 5065E and 5075E utility tractors, ranging from 50to 73-engine hp. There are 2WD, mechanical front-wheel drive (MFWD), open operator station and cab versions to choose from. Each is powered by a three-cylinder, turbocharged PowerTech[™] diesel engine.

Visibility from the tractor seat was improved, as the hoods on the new tractors were lowered 3.5 in. and are 4 in. narrower than previous models. To help reduce operator fatigue, many tractor controls were relocated. The company added a thicker seat and taller seat back, the operator station was widened 20% to create more foot room and the tractor platform is flatter than previous models.

For more information contact your local dealer or visit johndeere.com/ag.



Books & Looks

Ohio Angus Association Centennial

Written by Jim Rentz, Coldwater, Ohio, this volume is full of historic photos and advertisements and many tidbits of information concerning the origin of the Ohio Angus Association, its connection to the American Angus Association through many state and national leaders, and its progress through the years. Many families can trace their ancestors and follow in their



footsteps into membership in the Ohio association, and there are many pages in the back that highlight Ohio's Angus showring strength.

Several members of the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery were from Ohio, and many prominent leaders of the national association also had Ohio roots.

The book is available from Rentz at 1005 W. Vine St., Coldwater, OH 45828; 419-678-2779; or at rentzjames@yahoo.com.