



New Products

► Introducing products, services for cattlemen; compiled by *Linda Robbins*, assistant editor

FDA approves feeding combination

Elanco, a division of Eli Lilly and Co., reports that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the combination feeding of Pulmotil®, an in-feed bovine respiratory disease (BRD) treatment with Rumensin®, an efficiency-enhancing feed additive.

Using these feed additives together can give producers the option to feed one ration containing both products that provides the control of BRD from Pulmotil (tilmicosin) with the prevention and control of coccidiosis and feed efficiency improvement Rumensin delivers.

The FDA requires a veterinarian to issue a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for the use of Pulmotil to help ensure veterinarian oversight and judicious use according to the label use and feeding directions.

For more information visit www.elanco.com.



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Options, comfort added to utility tractor line

John Deere has improved its 5 Series utility tractor lineup for 2013, with more horsepower (hp), cab and transmission options than before. By integrating four new 45 to 75 hp 5E models into the group with the three 83 to 101 hp 5E Limited tractors introduced last year, the company offers more utility tractor options at an affordable price to a wide variety of customers.

The 5E family now includes the 5045E, 5055E, 5075E, 5083E, 5093E and 5101E tractors, with the last three digits of the model number representing the engine hp of the tractor. Options include the availability of cabs on the 5055E, 5065E and 5075E models; open operator station option for the 5083, 5093 and 5101 models; and new 12F/12R PowrReverser™ transmission options.

For customers wanting loader attachments, the 4-cylinder 5E models are compatible with both the new H-series and existing 553 loaders.

For more information visit www.johndeere.com.



► The new John Deere 5E Utility Tractors are heavier, more durable, and easier to maintain and operate than previous models.

Twelve new round balers

Designed to build on the reliability and popularity of its 8 Series round balers, John Deere has announced 12 new models of its 9 Series Round Balers for 2013. The new large round balers, which include additional Class III and IV models, have larger cams and bearings in the pickup on premium models, Diamond® chains, and many other enhancements that increase durability and productivity of the balers while making service and maintenance easier.

Silage-special balers have been added to the Class III and Class IV lineup, giving customers options for larger bale sizes in silage, including new 5×6-foot bales. The new 469, 559 and 569 balers are faster and more durable, with faster gate cycles, stronger chains, larger shafts and bearings and more robust pickups.

They feature newly designed gull-wing doors for ease of service and adjustments. ISOBus electronics ensures responsive baler/tractor operation, including GreenStar 3 integration, monitoring and control with 1800, 2600, 2630 and CommandCenter displays. Optional features are available to customize the baler to the type of crop and size bale desired.

For more information visit www.JohnDeere.com.



Producer grant guide released

The National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) has released a *Farmer's Guide to Value-Added Producer Grant Funding*. The guide was released on the heels of the USDA announcement of \$14 million in available funds for fiscal year 2012 for Value-Added Producer Grants (VAPG). Applications for the competitive grants program are due at USDA state rural development offices by Oct. 15, 2012.

VAPG awards funding to producers to help them develop farm-related businesses that add value to basic agricultural products through processing, product differentiation, commodity segregation, on-farm energy production, labeling and certification, and local and regional food marketing.

The guide, available for free download online, includes clear information on new program rules and contains a step-by-step description of the application and ranking processes, with helpful hints to improve a producer's chances of obtaining funding from the highly competitive program. It also describes the program priorities for small- and medium-sized family farms, beginning farmers and ranchers, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and mid-tier value chains (regional supply networks with active farmer participation).

VAPG is a farm bill program and, as such, is up for renewal in the new Farm Bill Congress has been debating this year. To date, both the Senate-passed and House Committee-passed 2012 Farm Bills renew VAPG and both would provide it with \$50 million in total new mandatory funding for the next five years.

Download the guide at <http://sustainableagriculture.net/publications>.

