



New Products

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



Kubota M6S-111 ROPS model diesel tractor

Open-station tractor

Kubota Tractor Corp. introduces an open-station model to its popular M6S Series. The M6S-111 ROPS model diesel tractor combines Kubota power and performance with a lower price point than its cabbed counterparts. The new model gives cattle and hay producers an open-station option when seeking a tractor suited for the full range of cattle and hay operations, loader work and mowing.

The 111 features technology-driven Kubota diesel engines matched with transmissions equipped with the company's exclusive Swing Shift feature, providing easy shifting from the ergonomic open operator's station.

The new tractor transmission brings economical, top-of-class versatility required across the full range of haying applications and cattle farm chores. The Swing Shift 16F X 16R transmission comes standard on the M6S-111SHF (2WD) and M6S-111SHD. A 32F X 32R Swing Shift Plus version is also available on the M6S-111SDS2.

The Swing Shift actuates the electric over hydraulic range shift to provide eight, or 16 (Swing Shift Plus), speed options through a single lever control, giving the flexibility needed for load increases, hay tool operation and travel across varying field conditions. Eight additional speeds are activated with the main range lever, conveniently positioned to the left of the tractor seat.

For more information write to Kubota Tractor Corp., 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 new gas-powered Gator XUV835 and diesel-powered Gator XUV865 utility vehicles. The company says the new models offer the quietest cab, three-wide seating, and exceptional heating and air conditioning to help farmers and ranchers maximize productivity and comfort.

For operators with diverse terrain, the 54-hp XUV835 and 23-hp XUV865 offer tight turning and optimal weight distribution for superior off-road performance. The XUV835 reaches speeds of more than 45 mph and the XUV865 offers a top speed of more than 30 mph. The vehicle is compatible with more than 90 attachments, from snow blades to winches. An 11-gallon (gal.) fuel tank keeps the vehicle running longer between fills.



John Deere Gator XUV utility vehicle

Available HVAC systems and pressurized cabs offer year-round weather protection, providing cooler operating conditions in the summer, and heating capabilities during harsh winters and snowy conditions. The heating feature also defrosts the windshield. Noise isolation and sound dampening features in the cab provide a quieter experience.

The new vehicles feature a towing capacity up to 2,000 lb. and 16 gal. of storage.

The Gator XUV835 and XUV865 utility vehicles will begin shipping to John Deere dealers in late 2017. For more information, visit www.JohnDeere.com/Gator.

Wide pickup square balers

John Deere has introduced model L331 and L341 Large Square Balers, both featuring

several customer-requested enhancements, including a new MegaWide™ pickup with or without precutter, and numerous hay-making options to fit individual operations. The two new large square balers will replace the previous L300 Series Large Square Balers introduced in 2015.



John Deere L300 series large square baler

The changes start with a new feed system that increases overall baler reliability and performance under a wide variety of tough haying conditions to get more crop into the baler. The new models offer a new inline, undershot rotor, and heavy-duty roller baffles and gauge wheels. In addition, there are two configurations of precutter, depending on model, 13-knife or 21-knife, with drop floor and slide-out tray for easier cleanout.

Customers can select BalerAssist™, which allows the operator to more quickly and easily clear plugs without leaving the cab and makes it easier to access service points. For twine tying, there's a new electronic knotter trip option that improves bale-length consistency.

The company has new moisture sensor and bale-weighing options for the large square balers. The new moisture sensor is 33% more accurate than competitive sensors and provides on-the-go display of hay moisture in the cab.

The bale-weighing system allows flake-by-flake monitoring of bale weight to help the operator create more uniform-sized bales across the field. The L331 model, which produces a 3 × 3-foot (ft.) bale, and the L341 baler, which makes a 3 × 4-ft. bale, can be used for many types of hay and forage crops, and offers improved performance when baling straw and cornstalks.

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

