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Sunflower Introduces the 7600 Series Strip-Till System

Simple design and nearly unlimited adjustability helps create exceptional fertilizer and planting zone

DULUTH, Ga. (Sept. 1, 2009) — As strip-till tillage continues to expand as a crop management practice, Sunflower from AGCO Corporation enters the category with the new Sunflower 7600 Series strip-till system, providing another tool for professional producers striving to make the most of their inputs. Available in both 8-row and 12-row models, the machines feature a 7" x 7³/₈ inch wall toolbar designed with a 10" range of vertical travel, adjustable dual down pressure springs and shearbolt protected shank assemblies. The system effectively manages residue and subsoil compaction and is designed to create an exceptional fertilizer and planting zone.

"Sunflower has been a leader in tillage equipment for many years, and the new 7600 Series strip-till system delivers quality and durability synonymous with the Sunflower name," says Tom Draper, product marketing manager for tillage equipment. "The 7600 series features a simple design, solid construction and nearly unlimited adjustability to match each farm's unique field conditions and create an ideal seed bed."

Large 24-inch coulter blades and adjustable dual function scrapers feature depth bands to open the soil at a controlled depth. Steel-fingered row cleaner assemblies move residue away from the row just ahead of the shank. Knife shank options – for liquid, dry or anhydrous – are available to match any fertilizer product which may be applied. The popular NH₃ knife shank features a 15-degree "Mole Point" to shatter subsoil hardpan and create the perfect fertilizer zone. Point depth ranges from 4 to 10 inches and is adjustable in 2-inch increments.

Berm blades are fully adjustable with four-inches of vertical adjustment and angle adjustments of up to 10 degrees. In addition, the berm blades are mounted close to the shank, ensuring the containment of soil flow from the shank, maximizing berm construction. The spring-loaded 12-inch diameter berm reels are mounted on 1-inch arbor with triple-lipped greaseable bearings.

Two folding frame styles of the 3-point mounted machines are offered, including a narrow-transport toolbar with 150-degree fold which is appropriate for GPS-equipped operations and the 95-degree folding toolbar for use with (optional) hydraulic row markers. The machine's simple design translates to fewer service points, which increases ease of service, and heavy-duty construction enhances machine life.

"The Sunflower 7600 Series is another tool in a grower's crop production arsenal. It delivers the benefits of full tillage within the strip and helps growers better manage both their inputs and their soils to enhance both productivity and sustainability," Draper concludes.

Sunflower, known as the "originators of flexible tillage tools," is the seeding and tillage division of AGCO Corporation. Sunflower is known around the world as a producer and marketer of top quality products with exceptional customer support. Quality and service are what today's farmers expect from their equipment and what Sunflower continues to provide.

For more information on the Sunflower 7600 Series strip-till system, see your local Sunflower equipment dealer or visit www.sunflowermfg.com.

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