

Agromatic Inc. releases Big Foot Forage Packer

Agromatic Inc. announces the release of the Big Foot Forage Packer, which, the company says, can be used in both bunkers and on silage piles to pack feed firmly, thoroughly and efficiently. It improves feed storage capacity as well as improving feed quality by reducing spoilage, and it allows dairymen to make the most of their bunker space.

The company has been marketing silage packers for several years. The new model has some significant improvements, including more PSI per wheel, a lower center of gravity for a better line of sight, bearings that can be replaced without removing wheels, and the company's Deep-Pac smooth transition wheels have no lips to lift forage.

It also features an automatic lubricating system and integrated stand, which allows level hitching. All models are standard quick-hitch compatible. Category 3, 3N, 4, 4N configurations are available.

—From Agromatic Inc. news release

GEA Farm Technologies introduces new series for barn cleaning

GEA Farm Technologies presents its new series of cable-drive unit for freestall barn cleaning, the SW Series.

The new SW Series Cable Drive



Unit (patent pending) gives more freedom in installation location, the company says, delivers a high level of performance and requires minimal maintenance. The unique design allows lateral movement of the drive as the cable is wrapped around the rotating drum. The coiling is made without excessive friction, which is usually the cause of premature wear of the equipment and cable.

The new series is perfectly suited for freestall dairies, small and large. Five different models are available: SW-300, SW-300 HD, SW-450, SW-450 HD and SW-650 HD – HD for double motor. The SW-650 HD has a stroke of 650 (198 m) feet. The same design is also found for cable drive units operating cross gutter scrapers.

During operation, the drive unit moves from side to side, allowing the cable to coil in the right place around the drum. This movement allows the cable to remain well-aligned. There is no side pressure as associated with the cable guides on traditional drive units, therefore minimizing cable wear and

stress on the unit.

The movement is done by means of an angled rolling mechanism designed with extremely durable components. Since the lateral movement maintains the cable alignment without excessive pressure, the corner wheels can be installed very close to the drive unit without overlapping its footprint.

—From GEA Farm Technologies news release

DVM Systems has new Temp Track system for cow monitoring

DVM's Temp Track automatic health monitoring system uses sophisticated software and highly reliable rumen boluses to provide early illness detection, assuring the absolute best care for your animals, the company says. This advance warning of mastitis, metritis, pneumonia and other illnesses enables you to identify illness earlier, improve breeding, and most importantly, protect your investment.

With continuous temperature monitoring:

- ◆ Identify and treat illness sooner
- ◆ Reduce milk loss due to illness
- ◆ Automatic alerts three to five days before clinical symptoms
- ◆ Heat stress monitoring

The product is easy to use; receive

text, email or printed alerts. It has permanent tamper-proof ID; secure, off-site data backup; 24-7 cow and system monitoring; and optional basic herd management.

—From DVM Systems news release

DuPont Coragen insecticide now registered for use on cereals

DuPont Coragen insecticide has been approved for use on cereal crops in Canada for control of grasshoppers, armyworms and cutworms.

The new registration also includes a label expansion for use of the product on the rest of Crop Group 1 – root and tuber vegetables, and an update for use on grasses, forages, fodder and the hay group. These additions to the label serve the changing crop protection needs of growers.

The product is powered by the company's Rynaxypyr (Group 28) with a novel mode of action. It provides broad-spectrum extended control of many key insect pests, from hatching stage all the way through the adult stages of development. It is also easy on applicators, bees and other beneficials. This label addition covers ground and aerial application.

—From DuPont Crop Protection news release

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