

Field marathon!

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The ceremony of opening the Kverneland Group's new plant in Russia took place in Lipetsk.

"The Russian market is a strategically important region for us," says Robert Zisack, Director General of the Kverneland Group CIS. "The country's colossal potential permits us to forecast

an increase in sales of our equipment to 50 million euros a year and doubling of our market share by the year 2018."

The plant assembles, paints and welds ploughs, cultivators, seeding systems, fertiliser distributors, and sprinklers. Today it is manufacturing 10

New discoveries in the anniversary year!

This year, Norway's Kverneland Group is marking the 135th anniversary of its existence. The company has gone a long way from its beginnings as a rural smithy to the transnational corporation it is today. The company has facilities in nine countries across the globe. In the anniversary year, it opened a new plant in Russia.

types of Kverneland equipment. Next year, the company plans to launch production of a further six types. The rated output of the new manufacturing line allows for the annual manufacture of up to 14 million euros worth of equipment. Investments in the construction of the Lipetsk plant amounted to 9 million euros.

AgroCentre, one of the leading dealers of the Kverneland Group, congratulates its partner on the anniversary and on the opening of its Russian plant, which is a remarkable event

that is important both for dealers and farmers.

This year, AgroCentre will also make a present to Lipetsk farmers. The company will open a major dealer centre for sale and servicing of farming machines. This will become one of the largest servicing centres in Russia. In addition to repair areas, spare parts storage depot and a demonstration site, there will be a trial seeding plot and a test range for agricultural equipment and technologies.

By Anna BORDUNOVA

Signal shot

AgroCentre participated in the JCB annual dealer conference held in Sochi which was dedicated to the spare parts supply issues.

Representatives of the dealer companies noted that such a meeting, at the height of the seeding season, is like a signal shot warning that the equipment

manufacturers are prepared for the new drive and ready to fully supply the farmers with farming equipment and their spare parts.

The JCB specialists announced that a new spare parts depot has been opened in Moscow oblast. It is twice as large as the previous depot. Spares are delivered daily. The stock range has been considerably increased. The dealers were familiarised with new lubricants and mounted implements which substantially expand the functionality of the loaders.

Sergey Tikhomirov, head of the spare parts supply department

of AgroCentre-Holding LLC, noted that the opening of the new storage facility will speed up the delivery of spares to farming enterprises. AgroCentre is steadily increasing the spare products range. The company is now making a special offer: until 31 May JCB loader spare parts can be acquired at a 10% discount and original JCB filters a 15% discount.

By Anna BORDUNOVA





Boars displeased with Väderstad!

Unlike the farmers

This summer, a delegation of AgroCentre customers made a trip to “the heart” of the Swedish concern Väderstad. Visits to the facilities of this leader in production of seeding and tilling equipment have become a good tradition. This one aimed at better familiarisation with Tempo, an outstanding seeder for row crops.

While touring facilities covering a surface area equal to eight football fields, the AgroCentre specialists were shown all the stages of equipment manufacture. A complete range of tilling and seeding equipment, comprising a total of 13 products, was demonstrated in operation on the show field. After that the farmers were taken to a local quarry, where the equipment is forced “to plough” on stones. Such a

brutal test-drive quickly reveals the weak points of operating subsystems, making it possible to promptly improve the product before it comes onto the market.

The AgroCentre specialists spent most of their time watching the manufacture of Tempo precise seeding systems. This is a single machine ideally combining two strengths: high speed and excellent seeding precision.

Christer Stark, Vaederstad

Director General and Tempo Chief Designer, said that this year a 12-row model was added to the 8-row one. The first wide-grip models went expressly to Russia. Now Tempo can sow rapes and sugar beetroots. At present, a system with seed-out sections for these crops and between-row space of 45-55 cm is undergoing trials.

“We are using three 8-row Tempos,” says Andrei Palachev, Muchkap-Niva LLC Director General. “In terms of seeding precision and productivity, it’s second to none in the world! The machines precisely maintain the embedding depth and seed-out rate, running like a clock. We operate, on average, at a speed of 20 km per hour. The sprouting is 100% and it is even. I haven’t seen such results on any other seeders! The entire

field produced regular sprouts as if upon command! We thank Vaederstad for a completely new approach to the sowing of row crops!”

At the end of the visit, Andrei Palachev got an original Vaederstad jacket straight from the shoulder of Christer Stark as the prize for the right answer to the question “Who, after all, is displeased with Tempo?”

The answer was wild boars. The sprouts after Tempo are even like a wall, without gaps and omissions. In a situation like this, the boars see no way-out and become disorientated!

“Well, we can stand the boars’ dissatisfaction so long as the farmers are satisfied!” noted Christer Stark with a smile.

By Yulia SALKOVA

AgroCentre specialists have visited a Väderstad facility in Sweden where a training session in farming equipment was arranged for them. They also were familiarised with the company’s plans.

In addition to a factory tour, the guests were shown the latest models of equipment, including the superb Tempo seeder. In the two years since its launch, the Tempo seeder has won 6% of the European market. It is particularly popular with the farmers of France, Hungary and Germany, where the machine is mainly used for seeding maize and sunflowers. In Russia, too, the seeder found application and is setting records not only in speed, but also in seeding precision. The high demand for Tempo is assured mostly by technological innovations

introduced by Vaederstad in this machine which was successfully demonstrated at the Agritechnica exhibition in 2011. The development period lasted 6 years. One of the factors contributing to its success was Tempo’s ability to seed with pin-point precision at a speed of up to 20 km/h.

According to Alexei Porokhin, chief sales manager of the Penza branch of AgroCentreZakharovo, a new model of Tempo is being developed now, and the design will undergo a number of modifications. For instance, the seeder will get a seed batching bin, extra press-wheel coverers, and the capability of mounting a charging conveyor with new software, allowing for adjustment and monitoring of the seeder. Thus, it will be possible to set an individual seeding rate on each row. The new seeder is due to appear on the Russian market in 2015.

By Anna BORDUNOVA

Tempo means speed



Maximum load



AgroCentre has demonstrated the ANNABURGER HTS 22.04 solid organic fertiliser distributor on the fields of the Chebarkulsкая Ptitsa poultry farm in Chelyabinsk oblast.

Top managers of the Ravis and Chelyabinskaya poultry farms as well as representatives of the Ariant pig-breeding facility came to familiarise themselves with the operation

of a multiple-purpose trailed distributor. In their view, the demand for such trailed equipment is growing, just as production volumes are rising. The farms need such reliable,

multi-role, highly efficient machines.

"The Annaburger distributors are among the best machines for hay transportation and high intensity manure, compost

and lime introduction," says Alexander Grosul, farming equipment selection manager of AgroCentreZakharovo LLC. "The distribution width of this trailer is 24 m with fertiliser volume reaching 19 m³. The maximally admissible amount is 23 tonnes! The powerful drag transporter and distributing unit ensure outstanding efficiency. The special coating of the distributor walls protects it very effectively against natural and man-made impacts. A tractor with up to 160 hp tractor is the ideal towing system for it."

The participants of the field demonstration noted the efficiency and agility of the trailer, pointing out its even and precise fertiliser distribution. Many were now considering the purchase of such trailers for their farms.

By Yekaterina GALUSHKINA

Nothing left to chance

JCB has held a traditional field training session in Saransk. Dealers from a number of different Russian regions gathered here to study in detail the company's loaders and leave nothing to chance. AgroCentre reports.

A complete range of JCB telescopic and frontal loaders, from mini to maxi models, was displayed at the training session. The managers themselves tested them on the field. They did jobs for

time and speed and checked the machines' mounts. They also negotiated different obstacles, like on a real motor-racing track. Comparing the loaders to their rivals, they concluded that the JCB machines work several times faster.

Yevgeny Zuyev, head of the Kurgan branch of AgroCentreZakharovo, noted that the JCB loaders arrived in the region two years ago together with AgroCentre. The first JCB 535-95 loader is now successfully operating on the Ivanov & Co farm, where it is quite popular for its reliability, multiple capabilities and the great variety of functions performed.

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NEWS

The guests and participants of the 14th Kursk Korenskaya Fair were in for an exchange of invaluable expertise and the opportunity to learn about the latest achievements in different areas of agriculture. At this farming exhibition, AgroCentre presented some 20 new machines and tools.

A parade of new products

"This year we've brought far more brands of farming equipment to the Korenskaya Fair," said Alexander Logvinov, Director of the Kursk branch of AgroCentreLiski. "To our old partners like Challenger, Vaderstad, JCB, and Kverneland, we've added some new names, such as Fendt, Massey Ferguson

and Valtra.

The parade of new products was headed by the world's No.1 tractor, the 330 horsepower Fendt 933 Vario.

"The tractor has a spring-cushioned cabin on a pneumatic suspension, an independent front axle, a stepless transmission," says Alexander

Usov, sales manager of the Kursk branch, AgroCentreLiski.

Another new European brand, Massey Ferguson, is just only beginning to win over the Russian market. The series 8000 Massey Ferguson tractor (340 hp) aroused considerable interest. This is a multi-role tractor suited for all types of

farming jobs. The core of the machine is its engine, the powerful AGCO Power engine, a winner of many awards, with six cylinders and Dyna-VT transmission.

The spotlight of the exhibition was on the Massey Ferguson MF Activa S grain combine harvester. AgroCentre is putting its bets on precisely these combines. At the Mitrokhin Farming Enterprise (Orel oblast), in a single shift one Activa combine harvests up 50 ha, with crop yield of 4 to 5 tonnes per ha.

Despite the difficulties of finding funds, modernisation of Kursk farms is proceeding apace. The company's partner Vladimir Rakov, head of the Druzhnoye LLC (Kursk oblast), purchases only new equipment and does so without loans.

"Farming is my hobby which I am pursuing for the fourth year," says Vladimir. "I buy equipment from AgroCentre because it offers quality machines at favourable terms. It's the servicing, too, which is the best in Kursk oblast."

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Hi, Kostroma!

"Hi yourself," responded the land of Kostroma to AgroCentreZakharovo, which was participating for the first time in the oblast's Field Day.

"Today we need agricultural machines which meet rigorous standards of technology and exacting requirements of modern times," says Sergey Sitnikov, Kostroma oblast governor.

Judging by the large flow of guests to the AgroCentreZakharovo display stand, the farmers found there what they were looking for.

"We showed off two models of Massey Ferguson tractors, the 7624 (240 hp) and the 480 Extra (130 hp)," says Alexander Baushin, sales manager of AgroCentreZakharovo. "These machines offer an excellent correlation of cost, design solutions and cost effectiveness."

Thanks to a three-point suspension, the MF 7624 has

the highest lifting capacity among medium thrust tractors. The machine is fitted with the Auto-Guide automatic drive system. This drives the tractor over parallel direct lines as well as non-linear routes.

At the Field Day, the MF 480 Xtra model was nicknamed the "Brazilian look-alike from Minsk" for its very similar draft specifications.

"In terms of cabin comfort, this is like a Mercedes," Sergey Tikhomirov, mechanical engineer of Raslovskoye agricultural production cooperative, noted with a smile as he adjusted the tractor steering wheel to his height.

The guests of the Field Day also were interested in the Valley irrigation systems.

"The periodic droughts prompt



farmers to realise that the crops which they previously thought did not need watering do in fact need it," says Dmitry Gerasimenko, irrigation systems sales manager of AgroCentreZakharovo. "At this event many complained that last year the oblast's potatoes

"burned out" and many vegetables suffered. We're prepared to help the Kostroma farmers deal with precipitation and its absence. We've got all kinds of solutions for small and medium farms as well as for large agricultural enterprises."

By Yulia SALKOVA

Field Marathon



Field Day in Ivanovo oblast

This summer, AgroCentre participated in Field Days arranged in a number of Russian regions. Farmers got to see popular equipment models and familiarised themselves with what is new.

Ivanovo farmers set their sights on JCB!

At the Ivanovo oblast Field Day, the farmers who had gathered at the AgroCentreZakharovo display stand showed particular interest in the winter seeding equipment. The company had come up with a wide range of Massey Ferguson tractors and the best selling Rapid 400C seeder from Vaederstad. The farmers also set their sights on JCB telescopic loaders. AgroCentre presented its two models of 531-70 AGRI and 541-70 AGRI loaders. Thanks to a wide array of mounted

implements, the telescopic loaders easily do a great variety of jobs. The 531-70 AGRI model with lateral engine is one of the most popular models in Russia. This can lift a load of up to 3,100 kg to a height of up to 7 m and is finely suited to heavy jobs both on an animal farms and in crop production.

Massey Ferguson comes onto Yaroslavl fields

At the Field Day in Yaroslavl oblast, held for the second year in succession on the fields of the Pakhma agricultural enterprise,

AgroCentreZakharovo showed off a unique range of Massey Ferguson 8000, 7000 and 400 tractors with a power rating from 120 to 400 hp. These models offer superior productivity, simple operability and high reliability. In recent years, no other manufacturer in Europe has won so many awards as Massey Ferguson. In 2012, the Massey Ferguson Series 8 was recognised as Europe's tractor of the year.

Vasily Finogeyev (Krasny Mayak agricultural enterprise), a long-standing partner of AgroCentre, bought a small Massey Ferguson

470 Xtra, 120 hp coming straight from Brazil for the new season.

"This is a fine tractor!" says Vasily Finogeyev. "We bought it for our new 18 cubic metre fodder mixer. AgroCentre made an offer I chose not to refuse. I was happy with the price and quality of the machine. In three months, it scored around 3,000 operating hours without a single breakdown in very intense operation."

Today Vasily Finogeyev is thinking about "serious matters" such as purchasing the Challenger caterpillar tractor



Massey Ferguson presentation in Yaroslavl oblast

Chelyabinsk farmers opt for Massey Ferguson grain combine harvesters



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Challenger sprinkler won the guests' hearts at the Field Day in Tambov

with a Top-Down Vaederstad cultivator.

AgroCentre's lucky number

The "lucky seven" is a name given to AgroCentreZakharovo's exhibition by its friends and partners who came to the Company's display stand on the Field Day in Chelyabinsk oblast. The Massey Ferguson ACTIVA 7347 S combine harvester, Challenger Wr9740 self-propelled mower with 910DS reaper, Challenger MT 765C caterpillar tractor, JCB 531-70 Agri telescopic loader, MF 480 Xtra tractor, Shulte cutter and Einbock Pneumaticstar wide grip Striegel harrow were among up the array of tools for a great variety of farming jobs which the company featured.

The grain combine harvesters were the focus of the farmers' attention. AgroCentreZakharovo presented the Massey Ferguson ACTIVA 7347 S combine to the Chelyabinsk farmers. As Sergey Chichai, head of the Chelyabinsk branch of AgroCentreZakharovo, revealed, the need for grain combine harvesters is growing in the region and the inventory of such machines needs to be urgently updated. The Massey Ferguson ACTIVA 7347 S combine is a reliable and long-lasting machine. Eighty percent of all of its components are

zinc-coated, providing excellent protection against corrosion. Fitted on the ACTIVA 7347S is a reinforced high inertia drum and a strong concave which makes it possible to harvest a great variety of crops.

New products and models in Tambov

The Field Day at AgroCentreLiski in Tambov oblast gathered over 150 guests. The company displayed its model tractors known the world over. One of the most powerful tractor is the Challenger 865C (510 hp) caterpillar model. The Fendt 933 Vario (330 hp) model is recognised the world over for its combination of high economic efficiency and comfort. The Tambov experts set their sights on the ChallengerRoGator 1100 sprinkler with an impressive grip width of 36.5 m. Its rods are fitted with the Autoboom automatic levelling system which makes it possible to maintain them at the right level whatever the changing terrain relief or crop height.

"We are very pleased with the machine's dispersion accuracy," says Vladimir Redin, chief engineer of the Prigorodny stud farm. "The machine has been very carefully designed and is remarkably practical. It has a large stainless steel tank (4,200



Challenger caterpillar tractor and Sunflower harrow put on a classy show at the Trans-Urals Field Day

l capacity) which outperforms all comparable tanks in plastic. Unlike them, it offers not only a washing system, but also nozzle blow-through units, which make cleaning very effective. The machine is reliable and simple to operate. That's just what we need on our farm!"

Dirt, drought, rain.... What does it matters!?

A shower just on the eve did not prevent the Black Earth Zone and neighbouring regions' farmers from attending the chief event of the season – the Voronezh Field Day in the Kantemirovsky district, Voronezh oblast.

Opening the exhibition, Anatoly Spivakov, head of the Voronezh Oblast Department of Agriculture, noted that rain in the middle of summer augurs well for a farmer.

The atmosphere was also very lively at the exhibition put on by AgroCentreLiski. The highlight was the Fendt 933 Vario (330 hp) tractor. Its unique Vario stepless transmission makes it possible to turn the engine's high power into thrust. A conventional gear box includes 30 odd gears, whereas in the Vario model there are just four couples. This allows for a stepless speed range of 0 to

60 km/h. This is a remarkable example of economic efficiency. On the heaviest of jobs with a plough, its fuel consumption is 20% lower than that of the famous competing models of similar power range.

Outdoing by far!

During the Trans-Urals Field Day (Kurgan oblast) at the AgroCentreZakharovo company display, there was no end of enthusiasts anxious to check out the Challenger 765 C (320 hp) caterpillar tractor in operation. Sergey Zhdanov, director of the Kurgan Oblast Farming and Processing Industry Department, undertook a test drive on this tractor. He noted the machine's smooth movement and the simplicity of its control. At the AgroCentreZakharovo display, the farmers got interested in the Challenger Sunflower disc harrower with a grip width of 8.8 m.

"Its fortes are power, reliability and user-friendly simplicity," says Dmitry Silantyev, sales manager of the Company's Kurgan branch. "It has a very strong frame which enables it to till even virgin lands in an excellent manner."

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Fendt 933 Vario, the chief attraction at the Field Day in Voronezh oblast

Living water



Russia's agriculture operates in conditions in which nearly every third year is droughty and every fifth year is lean. AgroCentre is seeking to resolve this problem by using Valley modern irrigation systems from the American company Valmont.

For over two years, AgroCentre has been an official dealer of the Valmont Irrigation Company, supplying the Russian farmers with circular and frontal irrigation systems, angular settings and auxiliary equipment and spares under the Valley brand.

"These are long-lasting and economical systems, convenient and simple to use," says Dmitry Gerasimenko, irrigation expert with AgroCentreZakharovo LLC. "Thanks to modern manufacturing technologies and structural materials, the Valley irrigation systems are highly resistant to wear. They successfully operate for 25 to 30 years!"

The first Valley irrigation systems were manufactured over half a century ago. Since then, they have gone a long way from simple mechanical irrigation machines to sophisticated systems that can be controlled from the office or by a mobile phone.

The US-manufactured Valley irrigation systems withstand routine workloads exceedingly well, precisely supply water and can move about in a variety of field conditions. In order to ensure the maximum effect, all the Valley irrigation systems are designed with due regard to the specific conditions of each field.

This year, AgroCentre supplied two circular irrigation systems (radius 400 m) to the Krim vegetable production holding company (Tyumen oblast) for irrigation of potatoes. The company undertook all the cares from the design stage to installation of equipment.

"Upon receiving a request, an AgroCentre specialist goes out to visit the customer," says Dmitry Gerasimenko, explaining the work pattern. "Using GPS, he makes up the field plan, determines the annual precipitations level in the locality and type of soils, and receives information on the crops the farmer intends to grow. Taking into account the

data obtained, he designs a proper system, calculates the rate and intensity of irrigation, as well as optimum length of the structure that would cover the field most completely."

Each extra hectare of irrigated land increases the harvest, while the cost of the irrigation contributes very little to the total production expense. For example, if there is regular irrigation, potato productivity grows by 2 to 2.5 times. Maize, too, shows excellent results, with yield increasing 280%, while that of sugar beetroot rises 100%. The figures for wheat are among the lowest, not more than 67%. Irrigation is just as important for growing fodder crops. Any animal farm growing fodders on its own faces the risks of a droughty year and crop failure, in which case purchase of outsider fodders increases the cost of producing dairy products.

The farmers must choose their irrigation systems carefully. According to Dmitry Gerasimenko, the use of Valley

circular and frontal irrigation systems allows you to cover a wide area, thereby reducing the cost of irrigating each hectare. A circular system with a diameter of 500 m can irrigate a field measuring more than 78 ha, while one with a radius of 600 m covers as much as 113 ha. Each such system can replace several reel-aided systems. And this without any labour input! A reel-aided system operating on the field is controlled by 3 to 4 men while irrigation by a single radial system proceeds without involvement of extra equipment or personnel.

"Many farms that purchased the Valley systems have recouped their investment in the very first year of operation," notes Dmitry Gerasimenko. "Our company is sure that by choosing the right irrigation system the farmers obtain a modern tool enabling them to get a high harvest and increase the profitability of farming in general."

By Yekaterina GALUSHKINA



Harvesting with

It seems that the hard sowing time has just ended. And now fodder procurement has begun in many regions of the Black Earth Zone and the south of the country. Then harvesting will come in no time. Which machines should be trusted with gathering in the precious crops? AgroCentreLiski recommends Massey Ferguson combine harvesters, products of a company with more than 160 years of successful agricultural engineering to its credit.

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Massey Ferguson has operated as part of AGCO Corporation for 20 years. In 2013, it launched the production of Massey Ferguson equipment in Russia (following an agreement establishing a joint venture between AGCO and Russkiye Mashiny (Russian Machines)).

“Harvesting equipment holds a special place in the Massey Ferguson product range,” says Nikolai Kunitsin, head of the AgroCentreLiski LLC sales department. “The creators of this brand are considered the founders of modern grain harvesting technologies. It was the Massey Ferguson designers who invented the world’s first self-propelled

grain combine harvester in 1938. We’re glad that our company is able to offer these highly efficient and reliable machines to farmers, helping them to save every grain.”

The latest design solutions and the multi-million investments in research and development gave birth to radically new models of straw walker combines, the Activa and Beta.

Massey Ferguson Activa straw walker combines are convenient and efficient machines boasting high quality threshing and cleaning at low losses.

It is possible to choose from among a number of reapers for this series of combines.

Those include the FreeFlow reaper, a classic machine with an operating width of 4.8-7.6 m, and the more productive PowerFlow (5.5-6.7 m) model with a forced mowed mass delivery system. PowerFlow reaps a variety of crops, including rapes, without mounting the rape board. The reaper has a hydraulic reel drive and is fitted with an automatic terrain following system.

The machines are fitted with a reinforced high inertia drum and a solid concave which enable harvesting of a wide variety of crops. Straw rack sections with perforated cascades easily separate the grain. Due to highly efficient cleaning sieves, the mass

effectively passes through the sieve, ensuring production of clean, high quality grain.

The Beta series combines are powered by AGCO Power large capacity, 6-cylinder, 8.4 litre engines with a rated power of 300 hp. Though large, these engines are quite economical.

The Beta combines have a follow-on threshing mass sensor and a capability of electrical adjustment of sieves from the cabin. They also have the function of automatic levelling in two planes, longitudinal and transversal. This is essential for safe and efficient operation on steep slopes without reducing the productivity or the grain threshing quality. The machines are optionally fitted with the Integrale system that raises and lowers the combine body rear, thus compensating for terrain irregularity, up to 30% on the uphill and up to 10% on the downhill. This automatically levels the body up to 20% in the transversal plane during downhill movement.

The Beta harvester’s 9,000 litre grain bin has one of the highest unloading speeds, 105 l/s, which minimises machine downtime.

The Beta models are fitted with the Skyline cabin, which has a large windshield area and a variety of capabilities that ease the operator’s work. Installed in the harvesters are the Auto-Guide integrated automatic steering system and the TechData Pro unit for recording the harvesting operation and productivity parameters.

By Yulia SALKOVA

JCB, a jack of all trades!

Every farmer in the world knows the multi-role capability of JCB loaders. These reliable machines can do a great variety of farming jobs. Their key advantage lies in the wide range of mounts they can use.

AgroCentre offers a great variety of extra mounts for JCB agricultural loaders. Those include variously shaped buckets, manure forks and grips, bale forks, large three-pronged bale grips, packaged bale grips, brushes, and grain pushers, all of which comprise a powerful arsenal that significantly expands the loader's functionality. The array of mounts makes it possible to employ more efficient load transportation methods both in grain production and on an animal farm.

"In addition, the mounts ensure performance of such operations as territory cleaning, lifting people onto a platform

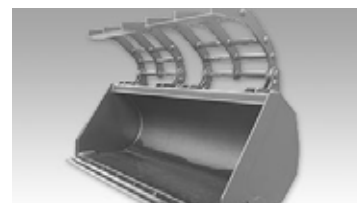
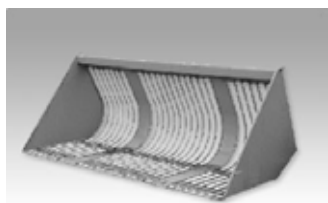
and handling bulk materials," says Sergey Tikhomirov, head of the spare parts supply department, AgroCentre-Holding. "This enables the farmers to avoid purchasing costly dedicated equipment and thus substantially helps their finances."

AgroCentre offers an extensive selection of buckets for transportation of grain and

potatoes. The bucket's rounded edges prevent damage to root crops and seed stock. The strong cutting buckets are expressly manufactured for cutting silage, while the big multiple use bucket combines a bucket proper and an upper grip, thereby increasing its functionality. The bucket has detachable side plates for operations with non-standard

loads. The packing grips have double roller clamps which exclude damage to the bale exterior. A large three-prong bale grip easily moves two large or three medium size bales. Specially shaped hooks grip the bales without damaging them. The bale forks with a single- or twin-rod are designed for moving round bales measuring 1.8 m in diameter.

By Anna BORDUNOVA



Outstanding equipment!



Challenger Sunflower 1000 disc harrows are best selling products among US and CIS farmers. These machines appeared on the Russian market rather recently but have already taken root on many farms.

The Agroenergotelekom farm in Zolotukhinsky district, Kursk oblast is a crop producing division of the GlobalEko pig husbandry holding company. On its 6,000 ha of land, it grows grains, leguminous plants and industrial crops. For a second year in succession, it has been using the Sunflower 1435 disc harrow for such jobs as soil preparation for seeding, fallow land development, and moisture preservation in soil.

"This equipment is really something special," says Gennady Klykov, Agroenergotelekom Executive Director. "The harrow intensely and evenly tills the soil to a

depth of 10 cm and embeds the crop residues well, creating a regular field surface prepared for seeding. After treatment by the Sunflower disc harrow, the soil becomes loose, the ground 'starts breathing', and the crop root system develops better."

A regular field surface is obtained after disc treatment due to the fact that the disc batteries are arranged in a staggered pattern, overlapping one another. The overlapping front disc batteries neatly cut the soil while the rear disc batteries direct it back to the overlapping area. This combination prevents formation of crusts and

furrows.

The slightly concave discs get less cluttered and sink the harrow very well, facilitating high-speed operation. The depth adjustment and control devices are fitted in a single place in the front part of the harrow.

"This is very convenient," says Sergey Dorofeyev, sales manager of the Kursk branch of AgroCentreLiski. "This safely and easily sets the machine's operating depth. The set depth is monitored hydraulically from the tractor cabin. The support wheels of the harrow side sections maintain the treatment depth even on rough

surface fields."

The C-Flex™ special stands reliably protect the disc blades against damage. Series 1435 Sunflower disc harrows are heavier, which enables them to till deeper, while the improved chassis with tandem wheels ensure a higher stability. The 1435 model features increased space between the central section support wheels, all of which improves stability on the field. AgroCentre supplies model 1435 harrows with a grip width of 8, 9.2, and 10.9 m. The number of discs may vary from 74 to 102 depending on the size.

By Anna BORDUNOVA



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