



Supplier Newsline

John Deere announces new 'K' series bunchers

The new John Deere 900 K-Series tracked feller bunchers are said to pack plenty of power. The largest, the 953K and the 959K, come with an industry-first 330-hp engine as standard, while the smaller 903K and 909K models have dual power options at 300 hp and 330 hp, respectively.

The 900 machines feature a larger displacement Tier III PowerTech Plus 9.0L engine that delivers the power needed to get the job done, says John Deere, with the lowest daily fuel cost in the industry and a 295-gallon fuel tank that lets operators get more done between fill-ups.

Designed with a quick-recovery saw that never slows down, best-in-class felling head accumulation that picks up more trees at once and high-tractive effort-to-weight ratio with low ground pressure for smooth operation, the 900 K-Series makes the most of an operator's time, the company says.

The K-Series' best-in-class leveling system keeps the upper frame level, even when the tracks are climbing or tilting on tough slopes.

The 903, 909, 953 and 959 models will change from the J- to the K-Series. The 853J is replaced by the 903K with optional 8.0-inch pitch undercarriage.

John Deere is also launching its new 900 KH-series tracked harvesters, which the company says offer extra power and productivity to take on the toughest trees, with dual power options at 300 hp or the industry-first 330 hp.

The KH-Series boasts the lowest daily fuel cost in the industry, says John Deere, a 295-gallon fuel tank, a fully integrated measuring system that has been factory installed and fully documented for optimized performance and quick, consistent troubleshooting, a protected undercarriage with double flange rollers for maximum durability, and a best-in-class leveling system to keep the upper frame level, even when the tracks are climbing or tilting on tough slopes.

www.JohnDeere.com

The technology is in the tip with new RazorTip blades

A response to the task of sawing tough and abrasive hardwood has arrived in the form of the new RazorTip blade from Wood-Mizer, featuring Stellite technology. For more than a year, Wood-Mizer has developed and field tested this blade in preparation to meet customer demands.

It is no secret that narrow bandmills have developed a need for a blade with high wear characteristics that can handle the abrasiveness of subtropical, exotic species and extreme sawing conditions. The RazorTip is the answer, says the company.

Wood-Mizer Blades chose to use Stellite because it was developed to reduce wear on high-traffic components, such as on grinders, gears, and any component that faces heat on a regular basis. Compared to Carbide, it is a less expensive--and just as effective--alternative.

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The RazorTip blade is said to be unique because the tooth sequence uses a raker style pattern. This ensures “side clearances” are maintained when resetting the blade, and leads to maximize performance and lengthened run times. In fact, the RazorTip blade can run up to four times longer than non-Stellite blades before needing replacement, says Wood-Mizer. Longer run time and proven durability will save both time and money since mill operators won’t have to sharpen blades as often, and won’t face income-deprived down time.

Stellite tipped blades can also be attractive in general sawing situations because of the blades’ extended flex life. More than one test site has reported sawing an entire day without changing the blade. This blade increases sawing efficiency and, ultimately allows mill operators to spend more time sawing which just adds to the bottom line. www.woodmizer.ca/blades/types/razortip.aspx

Camera designed to increase safety and productivity

RMT has developed a new camera designed to increase safety and productivity in the forest industry.

The TrackVision safety camera has been designed for the toughest wet and cold logging and mill conditions and includes a shock/water resistant camera coupled to a 7” colour LCD monitor.

In millyards, TrackVision provides an increased level of safety and damage control in cramped settings. In the bush, TrackVision users report an increased level of productivity by giving buncher, processor and skidder operators a clear view of obstructions and the work at hand without the need to swing the machine.

www.track-vision.com

Comact Equipment partners with ScanGear

Comact Equipment has established a new partnership with ScanGear, represented by Mike Freeman and Ike Anttila. They will conduct sales of Comact products for projects in the Western United States. This agreement became effective on February 9, 2010.

Freeman and Anttila have been active in that area and in the sawmill industry for a long time, says Comact, and they will provide a local and active presence in Washington State, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and California.

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