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Vermeer Adds SW5000 and SW5500 to Silage Wrapper Lineup

PELLA, Iowa, September 13, 2011 – Two state-of-the-art bale-wrapping systems, designed to help producers turn silage bales into individually wrapped high-nutrition silage packages, were introduced today by Vermeer. The Vermeer® SW5000 and SW5500 Silage Wrappers offer forage producers greater freedom and more flexibility, enabling them to increase their hay baling options – and window – by harvesting high-moisture forages with moisture content up to 65 percent.



“Both the SW5000 and SW5500 are ideal for operators who want more flexibility, control, wrapping speed and operator convenience,” says Phil Egging, Product Manager, Vermeer Forage Solutions. “They give you more choices while helping to reduce dry matter and leaf losses at the same time they minimize the challenges of harvesting forages at the correct stage of maturity. Both machines also feature self-loading arms that allow you to pickup, load, wrap and dump tightly wrapped bales without leaving the tractor cab.”

The SW5000 is ideal for mid-sized operations, while the SW5500 is more suited for operations with extensive silage baling needs. Once the bale is wrapped and ready to unload, a reliable cut-start system slices the film and secures it for the next wrapping cycle. Low-profile design helps minimize punctures or tears in the film wrap and damage to the bale. To keep the operator working, both models provide storage room for three additional rolls of plastic film conveniently located on the frame.

The SW5000 features a semi-automatic controller within the tractor cab, while the SW5500 is fully automatic. Operators can even pause mid-wrap if necessary. Also included are rotation counters, plus an alert that lets you know when the wrapping table has completed its pre-designated number of rotations.

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The SW5500 also features a unique bale discharge system that pivots up to cradle the bale while ground-support bracing helps transfer the load and minimize the stress of the bale weight on the chassis. It also creates a much lower drop point to prevent potential damage to the package.

When silage wrapping is completed for the day, the loading arm folds to the side of the machine creating a narrow profile and a transport width of less than 8.5' (2.6 m).



For more information about the SW5000 and SW5500 and to watch them in action, visit vermeer.com.

About Vermeer Corporation

Vermeer manufactures a complete line of hay tools including round balers, mowers, mower/conditioners, rakes, tedders, bale processors and silage wrappers plus biomass harvesting equipment used for renewable energy and reclamation; and a wide assortment of industrial products for tree, construction, environmental and underground utility service work. For more information on Vermeer equipment, visit vermeer.com.