The DogWatch Hidden Fence System consists of a buried wire that carries harmless radio signals around a boundary designated by the installer, and a small receiver worn by the dog that warns the animal when it gets too close to the boundary. Supervisor of Athletic Facilities at Boston College (BC), Norman Reid, is using the system in an innovative way. Tired of problems associated with geese invading the field, such as cleanup and turf damage, Reid installed the DogWatch system around the perimeter of the field and brought his dog—an English Setter—to chase the geese away while the field was not in use. The idea worked out so well that BC has since bought their own English Setter, which resides on campus and is cared for by BC personnel, to chase geese off the field during idle periods.

For more information, circle 130.

Irrigation Rotor

Commercial, light commercial and residential applications suit the new CR500, mid-range, gear driven rotor from Irritrol Systems. Adjustable from 40 to 360 degrees, and providing continuous rotation for full coverage when set to full circle, the CR500 automatically returns to its pre-set arc if the turret is tampered with. A simple riser pull-up slot provides easy nozzle removal and insertion, and a heavy-duty retraction spring ensures positive pop-down. The unit has an operating range of 30 to 70 PSI, with optimum operating pressure at 50 PSI. Other specs include a radius of 32 to 50 feet, flow rate of 0.5 to 10 GPM and matched precipitation rates from 0.3 to 0.5 inches per hour at 60 PSI.

For more information, circle 131.

Turf Supplement

A unique, fully chelated calcium supplement with soluble potassium is now available from Roots Inc. The turf supplement, called Roots Ca8%, supplies the most available calcium to plants and allows for immediate foliar and root uptake. Roots says its Ca8% was designed and formulated as a supplement to all fertilizer programs, is essential for plant growth and will help reduce soil compaction.

For more information, circle 132.

Mowers

Woods Equipment Company has enhanced its zero-radius mower line with a new line of commercial-grade, front-mount Mow'n Machines. All four models of Woods' F-Series Mow'n Machines feature the latest transmission technology, easy maintenance, enhanced cutting quality, and heavy-duty hydrostatic drive trains, including Hydro-Gear pumps and Parker-Ross wheel motors. The Tilt-Access deck has spring assist, making it easier to lift and easier to clean, as well as faster and simpler to change blades and make repairs. The cut-away design of the F-Series' dual fuel tanks...
provides a direct line of sight to the drive tires. This feature reduces turf damage, because it allows operators to see traction problems and quickly correct them. Also helping reduce turf damage are standard inflatable 23x10.5-12-inch drive and 15-inch tailwheel tires that offer good traction, a smooth ride and better ground clearance.

For more information, circle 133.

Leasing Program
With FlexVantage, John Deere Credit has expanded its offerings to include commercial outdoor power equipment customers. FlexVantage is a new and innovative leasing program which can be used to purchase compact utility tractors, commercial mowing equipment, lawn and garden tractors (for commercial use) and Gator utility vehicles. The program is also available to governmental customers of John Deere. Offering lower and flexible monthly payments with only one payment due up front, FlexVantage ultimately improves the cash flow of customers. Customers of FlexVantage can also opt for seasonal payments with up to six skip-payments per year. In addition, customers may qualify for a tax advantage by being able to deduct lease payments from their income.

For more information, circle 134.

Utility Loader
The new Toro Dingo TX 425 Wide Track compact utility loader features increased horsepower, enhanced ground to track contact and low ground pressure. Designed to handle a variety of landscapes and hard to navigate terrain, the Dingo TX 425 Wide Track is ideal for applications such as tree planting, material hauling, fence and irrigation system installation, and others. The unit is powered by a 25-HP, air-cooled Kohler Command Pro Series engine, and offers more than 35 quick-change attachments, including auger, trencher, backhoe, leveler, tiller, cultivator, two-stage snowthrower, rotary broom, several sizes of buckets, and more. Even though the TX 425's dedicated track drive has dual Kevlar reinforced rubber tracks that provide full ground engagement in all conditions, it still minimizes damage to existing grounds due to applying just 3.4 PSI of ground pressure. The unit’s walk-behind operator position offers 360-degree visibility, enhancing operator and job site safety, and a simple three-joystick control system makes operation simple for first-time and experienced users.

For more information, circle 135.

Overseeding
Miltona Turf Products has recently introduced Jobsaver overseeding attachments that fit the Cushman/Ryan GA30 and John Deere 800. The Jobsaver attachment prepares an ideal seedbed without affecting the surface, allowing the area to remain in play while overseeding is taking place. Cone-shaped spikes create over 100 holes per sq ft, spaced on one-inch centers, and the holes themselves are 0.5 to 0.75 inches deep, to foster proper seed germination.

For more information, circle 136.

Grapple
Compact tractor loaders can now take advantage of the benefits of a grapple, because ATI Corporation has introduced the GK-4866 Grapple Kit. Bulky materials such as brush, loose hay, leaves, bales, bark mulch and others are easily handled by the
Rookies

GW-4866. A 26-inch jaw opening, which may vary according to bucket, bites into big pieces of debris. The unit can be added to any standard, 48-inch to 66-inch compact tractor bucket, can be mounted or removed easily, and requires just eight bolts to attach. Or, for more permanent installation, the grapple can be welded into place. Although the GK-Bucket, can be mounted or removed easily, and requires just eight bolts to attach. For more information, circle 137.

Hearing Protection

AOSafety has introduced the first hearing protector that also features a built-in AM/FM stereo radio. WorkTunes units offer optimum built-in AM/FM stereo radio, that are comfortable to wear all day. Other features of AOSafety WorkTunes include a padded, stainless steel spring headband; broad sealing rings, for low pressure and effective sealing; on/off, AM/FM, volume, and channel setting controls; an antenna with high reception sensitivity; and batteries included. For more information, circle 138.

Turf System

Geoturf LLC says its Airfield Sports Turf System is the first natural turf system to offer a drainage technology that doesn't rely on the French drain (developed during the Roman Empire). Airfield suspends the entire playing surface over a one-inch layer of air. This suspension allows water to drain away easily in the open air void, after it has moved through the rootzone. When compared to conventional drainage methods, Airfield produces substantially higher drainage rates and reduces irrigation requirements. Layers in the system include turfgrass (seed, sprigs or washed sod), Airfield root zone mix, polyester filter fabric, Drainshare2 one-inch ring and grid drainage, waterproof membrane, perforated collector pipe and compacted subgrade. The Airfield Sports Turf System—a new innovation developed primarily with athletic fields in mind, yet also applicable to golf greens—reduces trenching requirements, eliminates peat gravel blankets, improves water management and provides a dependable natural turf surface.

For more information, circle 139.

PRODUCT SHOWCASE

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