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AutoFarm AFTracker Automatically Steers Implements

GPS steering eliminates planter, lister and cultivator drift

Menlo Park, Calif. – February 14, 2006 – AutoFarm®, the leader in GPS precision farming, announced today the availability of AFTracker™. The system actively steers towed and hitched implements to ensure precise implement placement in variable soils, pivots and hills. AFTracker is an add-on upgrade to the AutoFarm RTK AutoSteer® system.

Automatic tractor steering systems give a grower precise control over the tractor, but growers find the implement still slides up to 10 inches on hills or in contours. Crossing variable soils or old rows may also cause the rig to jump the desired line. This previously unavoidable drift causes costly gaps and overlaps.

The AFTracker addresses critical row-level accuracy by steering the implement in concert with the tractor. Coulters mounted on the back of the implement act as a rudder to steer the implement to the desired position. In rolling hills, field tests show that average drift of a towed implement is reduced from seven inches to one inch.

“In-the-ground accuracy is what counts in agriculture. AFTracker ensures precise placement of inputs while minimizing compaction and crop damage,” says Deane Malott, director of marketing. “Implement steering delivers the next level of GPS automated steering performance.”

AutoFarm’s exclusive GPS technology resolves tractor and implement positions in a single receiver. This centralized machine control allows the vehicle and implement to act together to deliver superior field results.

AutoFarm developed AFTracker in a partnership with Orthman Manufacturing. Responding to an industry trend towards larger equipment, the companies combined their expertise in GPS and implement design to build a robust solution for precision control of larger equipment.

“Implement Steering is a valuable addition to GPS guidance that brings together the necessary precision to perform critical operations and minimize input costs,” says John McCoy, president, Orthman Manufacturing, Inc. “We are excited about the industry leading position AutoFarm has taken in bringing this technology to reality.”

For more information on AFTracker, please visit AutoFarm's website at www.gpsfarm.com.

About AutoFarm

AutoFarm, a division of Novariant Inc., is the premier solutions provider for precision positioning and intelligent control systems. AutoFarm manufactures and markets Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers and precision agriculture solutions for automatic steering and leveling based on its experience in advanced aviation landing systems.

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