

NEW KUHN BALERS AND GRASS GEAR HEADING TO NEW ZEALAND

PALMERSTON NORTH – (30th September 2009) Kuhn New Zealand has announced it is set to unveil a limited range of its new line of baling equipment. Selected models are heading here from Europe so that Kuhn dealers can familiarise themselves with them and hold demonstrations days.

The Kuhn Group is the world's largest manufacturer of 'short line' agricultural machinery, and last year it added to its range by acquiring the Kverneland Group's baler division and factory in Geldrop, Holland.

Kuhn NZ Operations Manager Martin Elkins says the Geldrop facility specialises in fixed and variable chamber round balers, big square balers, bale wrappers, and other products. "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to represent and distribute a line of equipment that in its previous life under the Vicon brand earned a reputation for being well-manufactured, high-quality and long-lasting.

"The high quality of the product matches the standards Kuhn sets for its own machinery, and Kuhn has already had some input into the quality control and components used to manufacture its new balers," Martin Elkins says.

"Here in New Zealand, we are establishing a national network of Kuhn Bale Equipment dealers, who will be responsible for retailing and supporting this range of machinery. We are importing enough of the range at this point that they will be able to get to know it and hold display days."

Martin Elkins says Kuhn NZ is importing representative models of all key balers, wrappers and combination units. Other products heading here are Kuhn PZ Haybob 300 and PZ Haybob 360 combination tedder-rakes, SW1604 and SW7664 square-round bale wrappers, and mounted PZ drum mowers.

"Some of these are big contractor machines others are suitable for smaller operations such dairy farms that want to process their own feed," he says. "For example, drum mowers have been largely superseded in New Zealand by disc mowers but in Europe they're still very popular. Drum mowers are extremely reliable and have good longevity, and we believe dairy farmers will be very interested in the PZ range. Drum mowers are now available up to 9.0m working widths in triple combination form."

The new offerings will be on display at major regional events such as South Island Field Days at Waimumu, Central Districts Field Days, and Northland Field Days, as well as at the National Fielddays® at Mystery Creek.

Orders will be taken in the first half of 2010 for delivery in September and the start of next year's season.

Images:

1. [PZ190.jpg](#)
2. [FB2135 Fixed Chamber Round Baler.jpg](#)
3. [VB2190 Variable Chamber Round Baler.jpg](#)
4. [VB2160 Variable Chamber Baler-Wrapper.jpg](#)
5. [SW1604 Square and Round Bale Wrapper.jpg](#)

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