

# Jacklin promotes Yanagisawa, Connolly, Nelson

POST FALLS, Idaho — JacklinGolf has promoted Hiromi Yanagisawa, Jim Connolly and Dr. Eric Nelson.

Formerly vice president, marketing, Yanagisawa is now the vice president and managing director of JacklinGolf.

Connolly, formerly senior technical agronomist, will assume the title of director of agronomy and technical services. Connolly, under the direction of

Yanagisawa, will focus on U.S. markets, as well as international consulting in Asia.

Nelson, formerly technical agronomist, will assume the title of senior technical agronomist.

JacklinGolf, which continues to expand its department to meet the needs of the growing golf market, markets turfgrass seed and agronomic advice to golf courses through a network of distributors in the United States and around the world.



Hiromi Yanagisawa



Jim Connolly

## Tractor makers back rollover protection

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tics compiled by the National Safety Council show 55 percent of all tractor-related deaths in 1995 were associated with rollovers and 26 percent involved people who were run over by tractors.

Approximately one-half of the people run over were operators who were thrown from tractors.

A recent study of 76 tractor rollover fatalities by Iowa State University and the University of Iowa Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) showed all 76 victims were operating tractors without ROPS and seat belts.

"If a tractor rolls over and it doesn't have a ROPS, there's a 75 percent chance of dying," said I-CASH Director Dr. Kelley Donham. "If you put a ROPS and seat belt on the tractor, and wear the seat belt, you have a 95 percent or greater chance of walking away from the situation."

Donham stresses that wearing a seat belt is important, because it ensures the operator remains in the protection zone of the ROPS.

To encourage owners to have ROPS and seat belts installed on their older tractors and to reduce the effect that price may have on the decision, AGCO, Case, John Deere, Kubota, and New Holland are offering kits at cost to their dealers and asking them to sell these kits without markup.

For tractor owners concerned about low overhead clearance, such as barn doors, folding ROPS kits are also available for some tractors.

Depending on the tractor model, most ROPS kits cost less than \$600, plus freight and installation.

Kits are available for most tractors manufactured in the mid/late 1960s up to 1985 (when ROPS and seat belts became standard).

In addition to the price incentive, the companies plan to place co-sponsored announcements in various farm media, including company-produced communications, to promote ROPS and seat belts on older tractors.

At the same time, each company will continue its individual educational and promotional programs to encourage owners to have their older tractors equipped with ROPS and seat belts.

Tractor owners should contact their local dealer for more information and to set up an appointment to have ROPS and seat belts installed on their older tractors.



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