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With apologies to all our readers down south, it’s time to talk snow (or “white gold” as the snow removal equipment companies like to call it). While at the recent GIE+Expo show in Louisville, we saw plenty of equipment designed with the operator in mind. If the course is already put to bed and you’re working on getting your equipment geared up for next season, this equipment will get you back to finishing that task as quickly as possible.

1. F-90
Heavy-duty implement options for specialized applications on Kubota’s F-90 series include a snow blower as well as debris blower, front blade, grass catcher, mulching kit and rotary sweeper. The F3990, pictured, has the highest-ever horsepower among all Kubota front-mount mowers. Each model has a 16-gallon fuel tank and single speed pedal hydrostatic transmission for quick response and increased working speed, while the auto-assist 4WD forward and reverse ensures greater efficiency with appropriate traction.

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2. Path-Pro
New for this snow season, the ARIENS Path-Pro is a single-stage snowthrower that is lightweight, compact and maneuverable. Although small in size, it is built to be durable enough for heavy-weight use by professional crews. Powered by either an Ariens AX 136cc or a 208cc motor, it has a 21-inch clearing width. It has a throwing distance of up to 35 feet. Chute rotation option allows snow to be tossed left or right. Commercial-duty housing cuts through packed snow and reinforced rubber augers move snow fast. Five model options include recoil or electric start models.

ariens.com

3. 9000 V-Plow
The new 9000 series VF trip-edge V-Plows from Hiniker feature deep-curl flared wings to toss deep snow farther and higher, while providing more scoop capacity than ever. Twelve laser-cut ribs are incorporated into the high-tensile steel superstructure of the plow, providing exceptional strength for heavy-duty applications. V-Plows come with super-bright quad halogen lights and double-acting hydraulic power. Also available in a conventional level-top configuration, VFs come in 8.5- and 9.5-foot widths. Pinch-free pivot point is located nine inches above ground level, for improved protection from higher obstacles such as curbs and parking barriers.

hiniker.com

4. XV2
The XV2 features extreme flared wings, Fisher Engineering’s proven trip-edge design, super-fast hydraulics to quickly change blade positions and standard InstaLock double-acting cylinders to securely hold the wings in place for windrowing, back-dragging and straight blade operation. Optional bolt-on shoe kit protects plows where surfaces are rocky and/or abrasive. This extends the life of the cutting edge and/or base angle.

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5. Polar Trac
When the snow starts piling up, the Groundsmaster 7200/7210 Polar Trac system from THE TORO CO. is a superintendent’s best friend, the company says. Heavy-duty rubber tracks and a heated hard top cab with roll-over protection ensure that not only will the job get done efficiently, but also in comfort. Equipped with a Kubota three-cylinder, liquid-cooled diesel engine, the 7200 makes quick work of tough jobs.

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6. Prodigy
The Prodigy features a patented mechanical wing designed to automatically position the blade wings for maximum plowing efficiency. The multi-position blade is equally adept at straight-ahead scooping or angled windrowing and is as easy to operate as a straight-blade plow. The Prodigy, from WESTERN PLOWS, is available for trucks and skid-steers. When the plowing angle changes, the unit’s wings automatically transform to the most efficient plowing configuration.

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