

## John Deere offers 4000 Series

John Deere's 4000 series of compact tractors offers big tractor features at a compact price. The 4100, first in the 4000 Series line, provides property owners and grounds care professionals with a heavy-duty tractor without the heavy-duty price tag.

Two models in the series are currently available, the 4100 Gear and the 4100 Hydro. The 4100 Gear offers an 8x4 gear transmission and a 17-PTO horsepower while the 4100 Hydro features a clutchless, high-performance hydrostatic transmission with 16-PTO horsepower. Turf and landscape professionals can spend more time servicing clients, not servicing equipment, with features like oil-cooled disk brakes that may never wear out. For more information, contact John Deere at 309-765-8000.

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John Deere's 4100



Smithco's Spray Star 3000

## Smithco sprayer adds advanced controls

The Spray Star 3000, Smithco's 300-gallon turf sprayer, is now available with a choice of two different TeeJet control systems—the 844 and 855. These systems, made by the Spraying Systems Company, provide the Spray Star 3000 with application management which is among the most advanced in the industry.

The Spray Star's tank, constructed of impervious crosslinked polyethylene, with ultra-low profile and center-of-gravity, carries a 5-year warranty. Power is supplied by a 42hp, industrial-type gas engine. For more information, contact Smithco at 610-688-4009

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## Excel expands decks

Excel Industries has introduced two new competitively-priced side-discharge decks to the Hustler family. With a choice of 60- and 72-inch models, the new decks are available for the 3000 and 4000 Series Front Mount tractors as well as the 2500 Mid-Mounts.

These new side-discharge decks offer a superb quality of cut, can be easily converted to mulching decks and can also be adapted to the Hustler BAC-VAC. For more information, contact Excel at 800-395-4757.

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## Soil Tech announces Dynaweed

Soil Technologies Corp., a developer of environmentally friendly products for turfgrass maintenance, has released Dynaweed, an all-natural pre-emergence weed control product. The active ingredient in Dynaweed is a corn derivative which effectively inhibits the development of numerous grassy and broadleaf weeds in turf.

Dynaweed granules are used to stop germinating weed seeds during the early spring and early fall periods. In university research trials during 1991-1994, Dynaweed provided 91 percent control of crabgrass, 81 percent control of clover and 71 percent control of dandelion.

For more information, contact Soil Technologies at 800-221-7645.

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### DEVELOPMENT: FROM THE COVER

## Diablo Grande

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At 33,000 acres — that's 42 square miles, or twice the size of the island of Bermuda — Diablo Grande calls itself the largest master-planned community west of the Mississippi. Once completed, Diablo will feature five residential neighborhoods, a polo and

equestrian center, 45 acres of vineyards (in the foothills of Oak Flat Ranch), and a luxury hotel and European spa.

"The facility could have up to seven golf courses," said Don Panoz, president of the Diablo development and owner of Chateau Elan in Georgia. Panoz is in the finishing stages of Diablo's first phase, 5,000 acres that will act as the hub, or village, for his final vision.

Diablo's first two courses are already in place.

In June, The Ranch Course designed by Denis Griffiths opened for play. Playing at 7,243 yards, The Ranch winds through the site's rolling hills and pristine ranch land. Phase one's second course, Nicklaus and Sarazen's Legends West Course, should open for play by the end of November — the last hole was seeded August 5.

"It's one of the bigger developments I've seen, and it's also one of the most remote that I've seen," said Phil Smith, the Nicklaus design associate who has seen the project through from start to finish.

"It's really not that far from the cities, but the roads you take to get to the site make you feel as if it's quite remote. And that's one of the selling points for the site. You really feel as if you're getting away from it all," said Smith.

"It's probably the most incredible piece of inland property I've ever seen," said Denis Griffiths. "It's a perfect piece of property for golf."

Smith agrees. "The native grasses are contrasted by the green oaks in the summer, then in the winter all the grasses turn green and the trees begin to lose their leaves. It's quite striking," said Smith.

A good piece of land, of course, makes the job easier for the designer, especially

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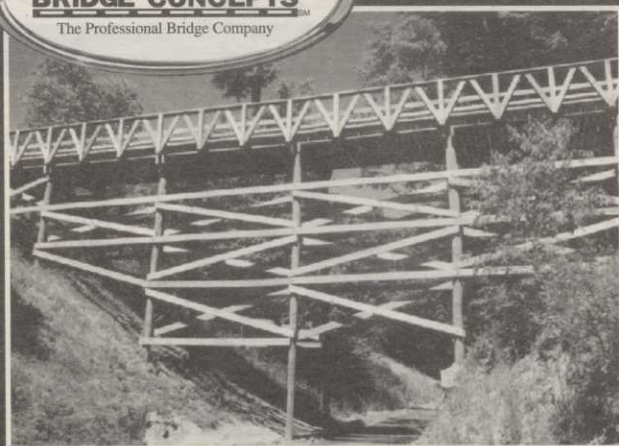
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