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AGROTAIN Unveils Production and Urea Center

**AGROTAIN International, LLC**, along with parent company Lange-Stegmann, has announced the grand opening of a \$20 million expansion project, including the Stabilized Nitrogen Center, a granulation production facility, and the St. Louis Urea Center, a urea storage warehouse.

Built to fulfill the demand for UMAXX and UFLEXX Stabilized Nitrogen fertilizers, the production capacity of the Stabilized Nitrogen Center is expected to be 125,000 tons annually. The facility uses a falling curtain granulation process for enhanced quality control and production efficiency.

The St. Louis Urea Center, which adds 63,000 tons of fertilizer storage to Lange-Stegmann's existing space, will increase product handling capacity up to 1 million tons annually of imported urea.



Power Shifter on a pressure washer.

NDI to Contract-Manufacture Power Shifter Machines

**Nascent Design, Inc.** announced that it will private-label and contract-manufacture a complete line of machines under the Power Shifter brand. The Power Shifter rapid-change engine mounting system allows one engine to be swapped between multiple machines in 17 seconds, without any tools.

H.J. Baker & Bro. Opens New Facility

**H.J. Baker & Bro., Inc.** and its wholly owned subsidiary, **Tiger-Sul Products**, announced the grand opening of a state-of-the-art facility in Stockton, Calif. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was conducted by **Christopher Smith**, president and CEO; **Matthew Smith**, chairman of the board; and **David M. Smith**, president of new business development. A tour of the new facility showcased some of the latest technology available in the Tiger-Sul pastillation process.

Companion Receives New EPA Label

**Growth Products Ltd.**'s Companion liquid biological fungicide received a new EPA label for turfgrass and landscape use. The fungicide contains a strain of *Bacillus subtilis* that uses multiple modes of action to prevent and control a broad range of root and foliar diseases, including anthracnose, brown patch, dollar spot, summer patch, Fusarium patch, *Pythium* and *Phytophthora*.



Deist Sponsors 2009 NASCAR Truck Series Team

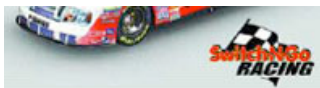
**Deist Industries** has announced its associate sponsorship of Herd Racing's #75 Ford F-150

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Herd Racing's #75 Ford F-150 truck being sponsored by Deist Industries.

truck, which plans to compete in the 2009 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, currently known as the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series. Deist executives, the president of Herd Racing and the team's driver made the announcement at a press conference in

conjunction with the GIE+EXPO in October.

Headquartered in Hadley, Pa., Deist Industries manufactures the Switch-N-Go detachable truck body system for medium-duty trucks, the AmeriDeck hydraulic loading system for pick-up trucks, and Buck's Fabricating roll-off containers.

### Akron Firms Win Project EverGreen Contractor Awards

Landscape firms **Impact Landscaping** and **Suncrest Gardens, Inc.** were recognized for their contributions to making Akron, Ohio, a greener place. Each was awarded a \$1,500 grand prize in **Project EverGreen's** Akron "EverGreen Zone" Contractor Award competition sponsored by Mulch Mule. Impact Landscaping won the best private greenspace category and Suncrest won the best public greenspace category. To view photos of the winning entries, visit [www.projectevergreen.com](http://www.projectevergreen.com).

### Easton Joins Phoenix

**Chuck Easton** has joined **Phoenix Environmental Care LLC** as Midwest sales associate. He will be responsible for sales in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Missouri. Easton was formerly national fertilizer marketing and product manager for IKEX.

### Dean Machinery Unveils New Headquarters

**Dean Machinery Co.** has opened its new headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. The 25-acre campus features two major buildings that provide more than 180,000 square feet of increased service bays, parts capacity and added resources. Dean Machinery employs more than 320 people at 11 locations in Missouri and Kansas. About 170 employees will move to the new headquarters. Lester M. Dean Sr. founded the company in 1955.

### Bustard Promoted to COO at Zelenka

**Todd Bustard** has been appointed to the position of chief operating officer of **Zelenka Nursery, LLC**. He earned bachelor's degrees in industrial management and industrial engineering at Purdue University. Bustard has served as logistics manager for Zelenka since 2001.

**Richard Brolick**, president of Zelenka, has announced his retirement after 48 years with the company. He will stay on in an advisory role to assist in the transition.

Zelenka has facilities in Grand Haven, Mich.; Wilson, N.C.; and Smithville, Tenn.

### Millenia Names New Dealer, Distributor

**King's Material, Inc.** has entered into an agreement with **Millenia Wall Solutions** to become its exclusive dealer in Iowa. King's was established in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1882.

Millenia announced that **Service Konstruction Supply, Inc.** has agreed to distribute its products in northern Illinois, northwest Indiana and southeast Wisconsin. Service Konstruction, Hampshire, Ill., is a hardscape supply center that specializes in segmental retaining wall products.

### Universities Implement DTN Weather Information Technology

**DTN/Meteorlogix** announced that DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., and St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa., have implemented its MxVision WeatherSentry Online Turf Edition for Sports and Recreation. The universities will rely on DTN/Meteorlogix to provide critical real-time weather and lightning information to ensure the safety of athletes and spectators, and to help in managing athletic events.

### Mid-Am Offers New Programs, Joins Facebook

The **Mid-America Horticultural Trade Show** will offer new educational opportunities in 2009. One is the Relax and Learn Workshops, which will be located on the show floor. Free to any trade show attendee, the sessions will last 30 minutes. A Cup of Success will be a series of roundtable discussions led by green industry professionals.

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The Student Career Center will return to Mid-Am 2009. The annual event attracts more than 700 students from throughout the Midwest. New this year, students can find Mid-Am on Facebook, the social media Web site. On its Facebook page, students can register for the Student Career Center, discuss relevant topics, post questions and stay current on Mid-Am information.

### Dawn Industries Enters Agreement With Goss Torch

**Dawn Industries** has entered into a joint venture agreement with **Goss Torch**. The companies will develop, manufacture and distribute a line of torch products for the irrigation distribution channel.

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