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Farm Depot signs Challenger Contract for Michigan



Farm Depot has recently signed a contract with AGCO Corporation to be the exclusive Challenger Dealer for the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. Farm Depot has been the exclusive dealer for RoGators and TerraGators in Michigan for several years.

When Farm Depot first started selling Challengers, Farm Depot was the first non-Cat dealer in America to sell Challenger tractors. During the past few years, AGCO has set up more non-Cat dealers in other states to sell Challenger tractors.

*“...the exclusive
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of Michigan”*

This recent signing between Farm Depot and AGCO reinforces the relationship between AGCO and Farm Depot and exemplifies the commitments by both AGCO and Farm Depot for Farm Depot to provide exclusive sales and service to Michigan farmers with Challenger tractors and equipment.

Farm Depot also sells and services several other AGCO brands including RoGator, TerraGator, Fendt, Hesston, Sunflower, White Planters, Willmar, & Spracoupe. Farm Depot now has access to parts for many other Agco Brands of equipment including AGCO brand, White, Oliver, Allis Chalmers, & Massey Ferguson tractors, New Idea, and Glencoe.



Serving farmers with his track tractor knowledge

Farm Depot spotlight: Warren Wilkinson

His father and grandfather sold farm machinery, so it is only fitting that after years of working in other sectors of agricultural industry, Warren Wilkinson finds his passion as a farm machinery salesman.

Warren is a Michigan State University graduate from the Farm Machinery Sales and Service program. Upon completing his classes, he worked at a dealership before being drafted and serving in Vietnam. Once he returned home, he found employment in construction, then raised corn, soybeans and market hogs. He sold Farm Bureau insurance before getting back into the business of selling machinery.



Warren spent the next period of his life working at two CAT dealerships, where he developed his extensive knowledge of track tractors.

He started working with Farm Depot in the fall of 2005, and says the past few years have been a wonderful learning experience. He enjoys working with a progressive dealership and helping meet the needs of progressive farmers.

Outside of work, Warren's hobbies include downhill skiing and golfing. He lives in Fennville and focuses on the southwestern corner of Michigan. Although Warren spends a lot of time on the road, customers can find him at the Schoolcraft store on Mondays and Thursdays and also by appointment.

Gehl models available to fit your needs

Since becoming a Gehl dealer in July, we have had success in selling, trading and servicing Gehl equipment. Although we recently received our authorization, we have team members in the sales and service departments who bring years of experience in working with Gehl to Farm Depot. Please contact us if you have questions about purchasing a new or used Gehl or have one that needs to be serviced.

New models currently in stock:

Model	Horsepower	Lifting Capacity	Engine Type
4640E Turbo Skid Loader	62 hp	1650 lbs.	Deutz
5240E Turbo Skid Loader	62 hp	1900 lbs.	Deutz
5640E Turbo Skid Loader	84 hp	2200 lbs.	Yanmar
AL540 Articulating Loader	47 hp	2460 lbs	Yanmar
CT7-23 Telehandler	101 hp	7000 lbs.	Perkins

Used models currently in stock:

Model	Horsepower	Lifting Capacity	Approximate Hours	Price
5640E Skid Loader	84 hp	2200 lbs.	3042	\$16,500
5640E Skid Loader	84 hp	2200 lbs.	2985	\$17,000
New Holland LS170	52 hp	1765 lbs.	3122	\$12,500

Kubota Corner

The New Kubota RTV900XT

Just a few days ago on March 29, 2011, Kubota Tractor Corporation announced the latest version of its popular RTV900 workhorse utility vehicle model, the **new and improved RTV900XT**. This model's key new feature is the exclusive **Variable Hydro Transmission (VHT) Plus2**, boasting higher torque to maximize towing and hauling performance, along with smooth dynamic-braking and easier shifting, making the Kubota RTV900XT ideal for the toughest residential and professional jobs.



The Rest of the Kubota RTV Family

* **Kubota RTV500** – a 15.8-horsepower utility vehicle that **fits into the bed** of a full-sized pickup truck – making it perfect for everything from hunting and camping to everyday work around the jobsite. The RTV500 is Kubota's first gas-powered utility vehicle.

* **Kubota RTV1100** – offers the industry's first and only, air-conditioned **factory-installed cab** as standard equipment for all-weather protection and comfort. New in 2010, Kubota now equips all RTV1100 models with sliding glass windows in the doors.

* **Kubota RTV1140CPX** – features an innovative new transformation system that quickly converts from **one- to two- row** seating options. This feature allows the operator to choose between additional passenger capacity and spacious 18.4 cubic-ft. cargo space, depending on the task at hand.

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