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New film-on-film option for FastBale non-stop baler

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Vicon FastBale with Film-on-Film option

The latest enhancement to Vicon's FastBale non-stop baler/wrapper combi is the introduction of a film-on-film option. Utilising film instead of net wrap around the circumference of the bale is said to bring a range of benefits including improved fermentation, reduced mould growth and better bale shape retention. Feeding out bales in the winter is also easier as film is more easily removed from the bale than net, and there is no requirement to manually separate net from film prior to re-cycling, saving both time and labour.

The operating sequence of FastBale makes it ideally suited to the application of net replacement film. Systems on conventional baler-wrappers require an element of guesswork from the driver, in order to stop at the correct moment in order to ensure the tail of film is tucked between the incoming crop and the bale.

FastBale has the unique advantage that crop flow is automatically controlled as part of the non-stop baling process. With precisely controlled timing the tail of film is fed into the bale chamber. The length is automatically calculated so that only the minimum required is tucked between the incoming crop and the bale, prior to the crop flow being switched from the main chamber to the pre-chamber. This allows for reliable starting of the process, without the need for any degree of operator judgement.

Switching from film to net requires no mechanical adjustment, other than to change the roll over, which will be appealing to busy contractors operating with mixed workloads, while different stretch ratios can be easily selected on the control terminal by the operator. A remote camera is also included, which allows the operator to monitor for correct operation.

With a full roll of net replacement film being significantly heavier than net, a hydraulically operated cradle has been provided to lift the film roll into place, avoiding the operator having to manually handle the heavy roll.



Film on film application

The development of FastBale is a direct result of the Kverneland Group's significant investment in its baler manufacturing facility, as it continues to build a leading position in the round baler market.

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