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John Deere Rolls Out First Biodiesel B2-Filled Equipment at Waterloo Plant *National Biodiesel Board Applauds John Deere's Quick Action on National Pledge to Biodiesel*

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – John Deere's Waterloo Works plant completed today the nation's first factory-fill of B2, a blend of two percent biodiesel fuel, in the company's diesel-propelled machines. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) presented the John Deere 8000 series tractor at the event held at their Waterloo, Iowa, plant, which assembles John Deere tractors.

John Deere had announced its commitment to the B2-factory fill in February during the National Biodiesel Conference & Expo, saying the company would put B2 in tractors, combines, self-propelled sprayers, and other diesel powered machines made in the U.S. "We applaud John Deere for supporting biodiesel and moving quickly to get B2-filled equipment to the market so the farmers and others can buy them with B2 already in the tank," said Ed Ulch of Solon, Iowa, a farmer director on the National Biodiesel Board (NBB). "If all U.S. farmers used B2, we could displace the equivalent of about 54 million gallons of foreign oil per year and boost the demand for America's soybeans and other natural fats and oils."

Biodiesel is an alternative fuel that can be made from any fat or vegetable oil, such as soybean oil. It works in any diesel engine with few or no modifications and can be used in pure form or blended with petroleum diesel at any level. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) calls biodiesel the fastest growing alternative fuel in the country. Currently Iowa has three biodiesel manufacturing facilities, as well as at least one in the planning stages.

Because of biodiesel's benefits to America, the rural economy and the environment, Senator Grassley led a successful effort to create a federal tax incentive for biodiesel. "The announcement that John Deere is creating a line of equipment that can be run on biodiesel is good news and makes good sense," Grassley said. "It brings together one of Iowa's great companies with a clean burning renewable fuel that can be made right in Iowa. Biodiesel and John Deere will both play an important role in Iowa's future, and I'm confident that this is just the beginning of what will be a mutually beneficial relationship."

"The John Deere Waterloo Works is pleased to play a part in the advancement of biodiesel fuel," said Waterloo Works General Manager Pat Pinkston. "John Deere's support of biodiesel will promote the awareness and use of renewable fuels and supports the producers that provide the

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renewable resources used in the manufacture of these fuels."

John Deere plans to transition the B2 biodiesel fuel into the rest of its U.S. plants before the end of 2005. The Waterloo Works plant and John Deere's combine manufacturing plant, Harvester Works, in East Moline, Ill., will be the first to begin using the B2 fuel. All agricultural tractors and combines will be shipped with the B2 biodiesel fuel to dealers and customers direct from the factory. John Deere also plans to publicize its fuel specifications and actively encourage its customers to continue to use B2.

"We thank John Deere for its leadership in not only using biodiesel but to also raising awareness of this American-made fuel," said Joe Jobe, executive director of NBB. "John Deere is improving America's energy situation, environmental impact, and economic growth through the use of renewable biodiesel."

John Deere (Deere & Company - NYSE:DE) is the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural and forestry equipment and a leading manufacturer of equipment used for construction and for lawn, grounds and turf care. John Deere also manufactures engines used in heavy equipment and the company provides worldwide financial services.

Based in Jefferson City, Mo., the NBB is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to coordinating the biodiesel industry and educating the public about the fuel. NBB membership is comprised of state, national, and international feedstock and processor organizations; biodiesel suppliers; fuel marketers and distributors; and technology providers. NBB is largely led by soybean producers who contribute their checkoff dollars to biodiesel development.

More than 500 major fleets use biodiesel commercially nationwide. More than 300 retail filling stations also make biodiesel available to the public, and hundreds of petroleum distributors carry it nationwide.

Readers can learn more about biodiesel by visiting www.biodiesel.org. For more information on John Deere, visit the Press Center / News or Environment and Safety section of the John Deere Web site at www.JohnDeere.com. This material sponsored by the USDA Biodiesel Education Program.

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