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AutoFarm Extends Repeatable GPS Steering to Harvesting

Early Customers Realize 20% Productivity Gains

MENLO PARK, CALIF. (August 12, 2004) – AutoFarm™ announces the immediate availability of install kits for mounting AutoFarm GPS steering systems on a wide range of CaseIH and Deere combines. The new kits are compatible with both the AutoFarm AutoSteer™ RTK GPS Steering System with sub-inch accuracy, and the AutoFarm StepOne™ DGPS Steering System with four-inch accuracy.

These new kits underscore the AutoFarm commitment to offer the industry's broadest vehicle support for GPS steering systems. The systems have been qualified on 16 combine platforms including: Case IH 2366 and 2388, Case IH AFX8010, and Deere 50 & 60 series STS and CTS combines. Additional models will be qualified in response to customer requests.

"Regardless of machinery brand, AutoFarm GPS steering systems improve farm productivity during every step of the growing season," said Deane Malott, Director of Marketing for AutoFarm. "Now with combine support, AutoFarm systems help producers efficiently reap exactly what and where they sow."

Grower Tony Azevedo of Stratford, California realized significant savings this year by using AutoSteer on his CaseIH 2388 during barley harvest. "We're running night and day, things we didn't do in the past. And that's really tightening up the window for us. Over our entire harvest, I'd say we gained 20%. Whereas a harvest season that would take us 40 days, I think will take us around 30 actual working days."

In addition to longer run days, AutoSteer keeps Azevedo's combine header consistently full which reduces other direct operational costs. In contrast to manual steering, Azevedo adds: "Last year we had seven 5 foot passes we had to make in 60 acres and it was really inefficient when you're only going 2.8/2.9 miles an hour at \$1.70 diesel and labor gets pretty costly."

In anticipation of the advantages offered by repeatable GPS steering during harvest, many Midwest corn and bean growers are using switch kits to transfer their AutoSteer systems from other vehicles to their combines. Among these advantages, growers can expect relief from headaches such as downed corn. With AutoSteer, the operator can maintain speed while the combine automatically steers precisely on the same AB lines used for planting. This keeps an even crop load through the threshing chamber while allowing the operator to focus on other activities such as unloading into grain carts.

The large AutoFarm touchscreen makes it easy for operators to recall field passes recorded during planting or tilling, then activate the AutoFarm control system to steer over the same path for cultivating, spraying, and now harvesting.

AutoFarm, a division of IntegriNautics Corporation, is the premier industrial solutions provider for precision positioning, intelligent control systems and positioning infrastructures. AutoFarm manufactures and markets Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers and precision agriculture solutions for automatic steering and leveling based on its experience in advanced aviation landing systems. AutoFarm can be found on the web at www.gpsfarm.com or reached at 1-866-4-AUTOFARM (1-866-428-8632).

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