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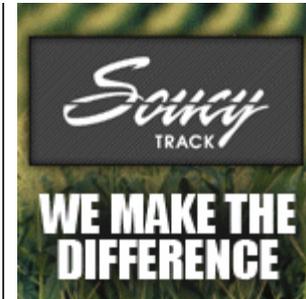
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Time running out on Farm Bill deal

As President Obama and Speaker Boehner appeared to be inching closer to a deal on the Fiscal Cliff this week, doubts remain about whether a five year Farm Bill could be included in a final legislative package should an agreement be reached. House and Senate Agriculture Committee leadership has yet to reach agreement on differences over the Commodity Title portion of the bill. If neither a full five year bill nor an extension is enacted prior to the end of this year, significant portions of US agricultural policy would revert to 1940s-era law and a number of programs such as the Market Access Program and the Specialty Crop Block Grants Program would be in danger of losing baseline funding.

EPA announces updated clean air standards

On December 14th, the EPA finalized an update to national air quality standards regarding fine particulate pollution by setting the annual health standard at 12 micrograms per cubic meter. In the [announcement](#), EPA stressed this would have no effect on agricultural dust standards, which the EPA identifies as coarse particles. While the new standard does not impact agricultural dust, it would cover particles from wildfires, prescribed forest burning, and woodstoves. This new standard is predicted to impact less than 1/3 of one percent of counties in the United States.

2012 Census of Agriculture arriving in mailboxes across America

It's not every day that a walk to your mailbox leads to an opportunity to help shape farm programs, boost rural services and grow your farm future. But for producers across the country, that opportunity will soon become a reality. The 2012 Census of Agriculture, the only source of consistent and comprehensive agricultural data for every state and county in the nation, is currently being mailed to millions of farmers and ranchers across the United States.

Conducted every five years by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Census provides detailed data covering nearly every facet of U.S. agriculture. It looks at land use and ownership, production practices, expenditures and other factors that affect the way farmers do business and succeed in the 21st Century.

"The 2012 Census of Agriculture provides farmers with a powerful voice. The information gathered through the Census influences policy decisions that can have a tremendous impact on farmers and their communities for years to come," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I strongly encourage all farmers,

"The Way I See It..."

NAEDA: The Dealer Advocate— A New Beginning

Message from the Chairman- Joe Nash
More than five years ago, I received a call from Mike Caraway, Executive Vice President of SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Association, inquiring if I would be interested in serving on the NAE DA board as the representative from our association. I said yes. And more than three years ago, I received a call asking if I wanted to move through the officer chairs of NAE DA, which would ultimately result in me serving as the chairman of the board. Once again, I said yes.

Read the article [here](#).



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no matter how large or small their operation, to promptly complete and return their Census, so they can voice to the nation the value and importance of agriculture."

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Source: USDA

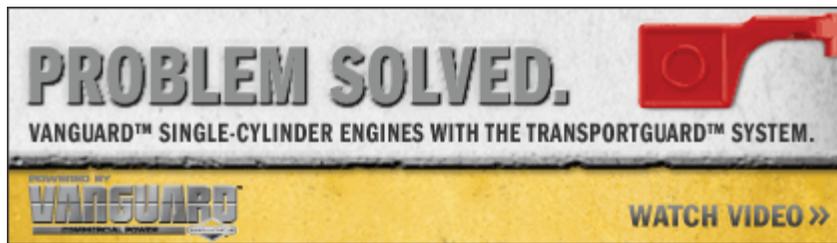
USDA action during drought opened 2.8 million acres to haying and grazing Provides nearly \$200 million in forage for producers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced December 13, 2012 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's measures to open conservation land to emergency haying and grazing during the 2012 drought freed up a record 2.8 million acres and provided as much as \$200 million in forage for producers facing critical feed shortages. Vilsack made the announcement during the national drought forum in Washington, D.C. co-sponsored by numerous federal agencies, governors' associations and academic partners.

"The Obama Administration remains committed to doing everything it can to help farmers, ranchers, businesses, and local and county governments meet drought-related challenges," said Vilsack. "Now we know that the actions taken by USDA and other federal agencies at the height of the drought provided much-needed flexibility during a difficult time. We also know that drought recovery is a long-term proposition, and we will continue to partner with producers to see it through."

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Source: USDA



Industry & Manufacturing News

Seven states raise minimum wage on Jan. 1, 2013

The 2013 federal minimum wage will remain the same at \$7.25 per hour for non-tipped employees and \$2.13 per hour for tipped employees. However, the following states will raise minimum wages on January 1, 2013:

- Arizona
- Florida
- Montana
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Rhode Island
- Washington

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment has proposed a minimum wage increase.

Vermont and Missouri will have wage increases based on increases in the cost of living, but the states have yet to announce details.

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Source: KPA

Corn Belt needs more moisture

OMAHA (DTN) -- Iowa is not the only state in the Western Corn Belt, but the state's conditions set the tone

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for the region. In these last two weeks of 2012, Iowa's veteran state climatologist has some concerns about how soil moisture supplies will finish this year.

The time frame will be very short for soils to replenish moisture needed for planting following a mixed precipitation total during fall 2012. (DTN photo by Kurt Lawton)"The fall season precipitation was somewhat disappointing," said Harry Hillaker. "The extreme northeast corner had above-normal totals since Sept. 1. The rest of the state, especially the far northwest, is really dry."

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Source: DTN / Progressive Farmer

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Happy Holidays!

NAEDA office holiday schedule

* Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 25, 2012

Closed for Christmas

* Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013

Closed for New Year's Day

Save the Date: 2013 NAEDA Fly-In

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Please don't wait-we want to be there when you need us!

NAEDA's 2013 Washginton DC legislative fly-in scheduled

Every spring NAEDA holds its Legislative Fly-In in Washington, D.C. The Fly-in is an intensive two-day program that provides participants with an inside look at the political process. Dealers are encouraged to attend to let their voices be heard. Beginning with briefings on the latest agricultural issues pending in Congress, participants also visit with their representatives and senators on Capitol Hill to educate and lobby them on issues important to their dealerships. The 2013 dates are March 20 and 21.

The 2013 Legislative Fly-In will be extremely important for NAEDA's legislative and regulatory agenda for 2013. Given the election results from this fall's election and a start of a new Congress, they will be listening which will serve as a great opportunity to get commitments from representatives and senators to move on matters that are important to equipment dealers. **Please mark your calendars and hold the date to attend this event.**

Canadian News

Conservative government's sweeping budget top political story for 2012: Poll

The Harper government's decision to cut \$5.2 billion in spending and revamp the public sector pension plan was the top political story of the year for Canadians, according to a new poll.

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Source: Calgary Herald

Tories consistent in number of bills passed – the difference is they're bigger

Canada's MPs are home for the holidays and the House of Commons is silent, as work on Parliament Hill is adjourned until the end of January. The fall sittings may have featured more than their fair share of political theatre.

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Source: The Globe and Mail

Canadian economy grows but at a sluggish pace in October

Canada's economy got back on the growth track in October, albeit in the slow lane after a couple of months of flat or falling economic output. The country's gross domestic product rose the minimum 0.1 per cent, about what economists had expected, as the goods producing segment of the economy continued to struggle.

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Source: The Vancouver Sun

Could 2013 be the start of something good for Canada's economy?

Almost four years removed from the start of the so-called economic recovery, 2013 could be the year Canada finally leaves the legacy of the Great Recession behind.

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Source: Financial Post

Seven standouts on Parliament Hill in 2012

The Green Party gave the NDP and the Liberals a neck cramp this fall. But it was not because Elizabeth May forced her opposition rivals to spend a by-election campaign looking over their shoulders in Victoria

and Calgary Centre that she was selected by her peers as the 2012 Maclean's Parliamentarian of the Year.

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Source: The Star

Idle No More rallies held across Canada as movement grows

The national Idle No More movement showed no signs of slowing Friday as activists and protesters across Canada brought their call for protection of First Nations rights to the streets. Peaceful gatherings took place in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Toronto and Nova Scotia.

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Source: CTV News

Tip of the Month



[December Tip of the Month - Don't Let Them Rig Your Lifts](#)

Overriding lift safety controls can be crushing. Never allow technicians to disable lift safety controls by using bungees or other devices to block them open. An [OSHA local emphasis program for automotive lifts](#) explains why.

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