

## TORQUE TALK

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## New player in WA

ENDURE Agri Solutions, New South Wales, is seeking to expand market share in WA with its Moisture Manager planter.

Endure Agri Solutions has an exclusive, perpetual license agreement to distribute this technology for Australia and New Zealand.

According to the company, after years of extensive research and development in association with leading agronomic groups, the Moisture Manager is the first truly flexible parallelogram planter design and is the first of its type to incorporate both a large travel hydraulic parallelogram and a separate hydraulic stump-jump.

The planter can be used as either a disc or tine machine and is adaptable to all soil types and conditions. It can seed crops from a shallow 12mm (0.5in) to a moisture-seeking 200mm (8in).

The Moisture Manager opener has an independent hydraulically-operated press wheel that allows for very small press wheel pressure adjustments to be made direct from the tractor cab.

This represents a significant competitive advantage over spring-operated press wheels that are not able to accommodate the small adjustments required by changes in plant varieties, planting depth and soil type (thereby ensuring maximum seed germination).

The Moisture Manager opener can be fitted to toolbars ranging in width from



□ Perkins Machinery Northam branch manager Warren Hunt was in an upbeat mood recently delivering this 12.4m (41ft) Morris Concept 2000 bar and Morris 240 bushel 7240 air seeder to a York client. "This combination is still very popular despite the focus on bigger equipment," he said. "And even the bigger broadacre guys into controlled traffic farming, are more interested in running two 40 foot rigs rather than one 80 footer (24.4m)." Warren is one of the veteran players in the industry chalking up 42 years since he started with GW Seimons & Son at Bullaring in 1973 selling Massey Ferguson tractors and John Shearer gear. And he remains as keen as Torque about the future. While the season is throwing a wobbly this week, Warren reports business is ticking along. "There's still a quiet confidence out there," Warren said. Yep, as Torque said in February, it smells like a good season.

6m (20ft) to 24m (80ft). Placed on a single toolbar (or trailing device) behind a tractor, the Moisture Manager tillage and seeding system allows users to make a seamless transition between traditional cultivation, low-tillage and no-tillage approaches complemented by on-board placement of seeding and fertiliser applicators.

The combination of seed boot, integrated press wheel, auto down force and straight-drop body is technically innovative and unique, according to the company.

"The Moisture Manager, coupled with 'smart' technology (GPS systems, hydraulic vacuum seeders, and appropriate farm management

software), will provide forward-looking growers with a truly intelligent planting and moisture management system that increases yields, reduces waste, improves soil quality, lowers the costs of production and provides a solid platform for sustainable farming," a company spokesman said.

The company held a demonstration of the Moisture Manager at Mukinbudin this week along with a workshop on its strategy and its new business partners.

There will be more information on the machine in next week's *Farm Weekly*.

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## Sweetener to visit Canada

CANADA's Farm Progress Show is offering international machinery dealers and farmers travel subsidies to its big event next month.

Having been to the Farm Progress Show, held in Regina, Saskatchewan, Torque can vouch for the professional management of the event which fetes overseas visitors.

If you qualify, you can pick up a maximum \$1500 to offset your trip.

Organisers also are offering the same amount as fuel expenses if you want to drive.

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