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Bayer announces EPA approval for Vios FX herbicide

Bayer has announced that it has received US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval for its herbicide, Vios FX (thiencarbazone-methyl + fluroxypyr), expanding its cereal herbicide portfolio. The company says that the product is pending approval in some states and features a combination of Group 2 and Group 4 active ingredients, effectively controlling challenging weeds like Group 1 resistant wild oats, foxtail and kochia. It is reported that Vios FX offers flexibility in tank mixing, enabling growers to customize weed control strategies for specific challenges. The herbicide is seen as a valuable tool for wheat growers dealing with weed resistance. Its formulation provides ease of use, with an EC formulation for straightforward handling and mixing, and it will be available in a convenient 320-acre drum.

Precision Planting announces planting system

Precision Planting has announced a new product called the CornerStone Planting System, which the company claims to be a fully custom, factory-built planting system integrated with Precision Planting's technology. The system is claimed to provide growers with unmatched planting performance, ease of in-field use, simple adjustments for changing planting conditions, and high durability and serviceability. The CornerStone Planting System is compatible with standard-height 7x7 planter bars and comes with all components, both mechanical and electronic, already installed. It aims to make upgrading existing planters more affordable for farmers. The system is currently in beta testing, with plans for commercial availability to dealers and farmers in 2025 after successful field trials in spring.

Lindsay to invest \$50 m for facility expansion

As reported by [S&P Global Commodity Insights](#), US agricultural equipment and irrigation specialist Lindsay Corporation (Omaha, Nebraska) plans to infuse more than \$50 million over the next two years to expand and modernize its manufacturing facility in Lindsay, Nebraska. The company notes that the investment aligns with its strategic growth plan, adding that enhancements to the unit are to be focused on data connectivity, analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), automation and robotics. Furthermore, the improvements will lead to the facility expanding by 40,000 sq ft (3,716 m²).

Lindsay intends to begin the modernization process in the second quarter of 2024 and complete the exercise by the end of next year.

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