

**New Hay Moisture Tester:
Windrow Hay Moisture Tester Available From John Deere**

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Baling hay at the proper moisture level is critical to ensure optimal storage life and quality of the forage. A new Windrow Hay Moisture Tester from John Deere Merchandise now makes it easier and faster for producers to determine moisture level of windrowed hay in the field prior to baling.

According to Phil Lauer, product manager for John Deere Merchandise, the portable, handheld Windrow Hay Moisture Tester allows hay producers to check hay moisture levels quickly at several places in the field to determine if its time to bale. Without testing the moisture level of the hay in the field, producers have to guess when the hay is ready to bale, Lauer says. The Windrow Hay Moisture Tester takes the guesswork out of this forage management decision.

The Windrow Hay Moisture Tester measures hay from 13 percent to 70 percent moisture content within +/- two to four percent accuracy. Producers simply add loose hay to a five-gallon bucket (not included), insert the handheld tester and press a button. The moisture level of the hay sample is then digitally displayed within 30 to 60 seconds.

The Moisture Tester is ideal for large and small hay growers and is a small investment to ensure that their hay crop is baled at the right moisture level for their needs, Lauer adds. The simple operation, portability and fast results of the in-field tester saves them the time, expense and inconvenience of transporting a baler to the field before the hay is dry enough, or baling hay that is too dry.

