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ASABE APPROVES ROTARY AND FLAIL MOWER STANDARDS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has adopted four standards that address the safety and testing of rotary disk, drum and flail mowers.

Three of the documents are international standards, adoption of which further harmonizes national and international standardization, a goal that facilitates manufacturing, safety advancements and product marketing worldwide. The adoptions are:

- ANSI/ASABE AD4254-12: 2012, Agricultural machinery — Safety — Part 12: Rotary disc and drum mowers and flail mowers
- ASABE/ISO 17101-1:2012, Agricultural machinery — Thrown-object test and acceptance criteria — Part 1: Rotary mowers
- ASABE/ISO 17101-2:2012 JUN2016, Agricultural machinery — Thrown-object test and acceptance criteria — Part 2: Flail mowers

The fourth standard, ANSI/ASABE S639, Safety Standard for Large Row-Crop Flail Mowers, is a new national standard.

The scope of the three nationally adopted standards can be accessed electronically on the ASABE online Technical Library at elibrary.asabe.org/. The standard can be purchased for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

For ANSI/ASABE S639 ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text of the standard via electronic download on the ASABE online Technical Library at: elibrary.asabe.org. Others can obtain a copy for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 250 standards currently in publication.

Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at 269-932-7031, cedarq@asabe.org. A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at www.asabe.org/projects.

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