

## First working demonstrations of new grass roller and two new slitters



The new Opico hydraulic folding sward slitter is available in 5 and 6m working widths, both have a folded transport width of 2.95m.



**Opico will hold the first working demonstrations of three new pieces of grassland maintenance equipment at Grassland and Muck 2011: The He-Va grass roller, a front-mounted slitter and a hydraulic folding slitter.**

The new He-Va grass roller is a 'farmer' version of the original model made for contractors. It has a smaller diameter tube – 600mm rather than 710mm, and a working width of 6.3m (20ft). It incorporates He-Va's Special Active Transfer (SAT) weight distribution system to ensure even pressure across the entire working width when rolling. A three-section tip folding design allows each section to float independently, while centre pivots on each section ensure ground contours are followed. Water ballasting significantly increases the working weight of the grass roller. It folds to a transport width of 2.5m using two double acting hydraulic services and costs £9,781 plus VAT.

The front mounted sward slitter, launched at last year's Agriscot and the hydraulic folding slitters have heavy duty frames which include weight-carrying racks so that extra disc weights or similar heavy objects can be added to the machine in hard conditions. Protective skids at either end of the slitting axle limit the depth of the blades and protect

the axle bearings from damage. The blades have unique chamfered rear edges to limit turf damage when each knife comes out of the soil, so leaving a better finish.

The front-mounted sward slitter incorporates a bridge linkage which effectively makes it steer like a trailed machine as it extends the front of the tractor and allows the slitter rotor to be pulled and follow the tractor. It has a 3m working width, a weight of 685kg, and a slitting axle consisting of 18 rotors with four blades each, to give a total of 72 blades. It retails at £5,348 plus VAT.

The hydraulic folding sward slitter is available in two working widths: a 6m model with a slitting axle consisting of 36 rotors with four blades each, a total of 144 blades – which weighs 1150kg and costs £8,305 plus VAT; the 5m model has 28 rotors and 112 blades, and weighs 940kg. It costs £7,688 plus VAT. Both have a transport width of 2.95m. ■

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