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Trimble Adds New Features to its Connected Farm Solution to Enhance Farming Operations

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Nov. 14, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Trimble (NASDAQ: TRMB) introduced today several new features to further enhance its Connected Farm™ solution. Connected Farm is an integrated operations management solution that provides information exchange across the entire farm. New features include additional viewing capabilities between vehicles operating in the same field, and reports on the productivity and delay of field equipment.

Trimble's Connected Farm vehicle-to-vehicle communication allows real-time wireless data transmission between multiple vehicles and mixed fleets operating in the same field. The new features allow operators to:

- View virtual tank levels of nearby devices that are planting or applying product, allowing applicators to coordinate seed and chemical refill.
- Share instant yield, instant moisture, and combined coverage layers for yield and moisture with different displays that are in the same field.
- Share "as-applied" coverage layers between displays for vehicles conducting the same operation with the same material.
- View coverage data from multiple vehicles in the same field that are performing different operations without affecting row shutoff. For example, when tilling and planting simultaneously, operators can assess which areas have been covered by the other vehicle.
- View a combined coverage map with a legend of multiple vehicles in the same field to quickly pinpoint each vehicle's covered area.

Trimble's Connected Farm solution provides a Web-based application for managing fleets including real-time vehicle position and a cab dashboard showing valuable engine information. New, expanded features of the solution give managers the ability to analyze the efficiency and productivity of their fleet by providing reports that detail total time spent idling, traveling, speeding, moving, working and delayed. When used with a Trimble FmX® integrated display, operators will be prompted to select a "Delay Reason" when they stop working. These reasons are available in reports using the Connected Farm Web application to assess the productivity of fleet operations.

"These new Connected Farm features are designed to help customers save time and make better decisions about the management of their farms," said Ian Harley, business area director for Trimble's Agriculture Division. "By providing farmers with access to information where and when they need it, and by providing the right type of information, farmers can more easily determine how best to increase the productivity and efficiency of their fleet and farm operations."

The new Connected Farm features are expected to be available in December 2012. Contact a local Trimble dealer at www.trimble.com/locator for more information.

About Trimble's Agriculture Division

Trimble's Agriculture Division is a leader in precision agriculture, GPS and guidance solutions that help customers operate farm vehicles and implements more efficiently, save on input costs and increase yield and productivity. Solutions include vehicle and implement guidance and steering; application control for seed, liquid and granular products; laser- and GPS-based water management technology; and seamless field-to-office information management and record keeping. To ensure better decision making, Trimble also offers an integrated operations management solution called Connected Farm that provides information exchange across the entire farm.

For more information on Trimble Agriculture, visit: www.trimble.com/agriculture.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location—including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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