

Linear control panel a winner

The AutoPilot linear control panel from Valley Irrigation recently won the Irrigation Association's prestigious agricultural New Product Contest.

The AutoPilot linear control panel is the first computerised control panel with GPS Ready technology providing positioning for linear irrigation. The panel itself was introduced in the international marketplace in the summer of 2007 and became available in North America in early 2008. GPS Ready technology recently became a standard component of all new AutoPilot linear control panels.

"We're honored that the AutoPilot linear control panel was recognised by the Irrigation Association," said Jake LaRue, manager of international projects and products, Valmont. "This award helps illustrate that Valley is dedicated to helping producers increase efficiency through advanced technologies."

The AutoPilot linear control panel with GPS Ready positioning is unique because it allows linear irrigators to correlate production techniques with land variability, ultimately minimising costs and maximising yields, Jake said.

"With GPS technology, a producer can set more automated functions to change the percent timer speed,

control primary and secondary end guns, change direction, stop the linear, and start and stop chemigation," Jake said. "All of these operations can be programmed to occur automatically, which gives the producer more time to perform other tasks."

AutoPilot linear control panels with GPS Ready positioning technology are available through Valley dealers. To locate a dealer, please visit www.ValleyIrrigation.com.



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