

Changes in Agriculture



Jake Kvaal from A&M Green Power in Macedonia, spoke at the Optimist Club on May 21. Jake grew up in Carsen and went to college at Emporia State University for communications and computer information systems.

According to Jake, A&M Green Power is the number 1 John Deere dealership in North America and Australia. Last year they sold 67 new combines. They have about 190 employees in five locations.

John Deere works on having integrated dealerships. Sales, parts, and repairs are not separate departments, but they all work together. Therefore, Jake works

part of the year in sales and part in service and training.

Jake said his computer background helps him explain the tractor technology to people. He stated that the 8000R tractor has more technology in it than an F16 fighter jet.

Equipment keeps getting larger and more complex. The largest planter John Deere makes now is a 48 row, 120 feet wide. The most common large planter in this area is a 60 foot wide planter.

More information is available at <http://www.amgreenpower.com>