



AGCO Honors Kyle Hildebrand as 2025 North American Technician of the Year

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Service Technician from AGCO dealership Ag West Ltd. in Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada, wins after a three-day competition.

DULUTH, Ga., Aug. 12, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- AGCO Corporation (NYSE: AGCO) named Kyle Hildebrand its 2025 Technician of the Year on July 30 in Jackson, Minnesota, at the Fendt Lodge™. This annual award recognizes an outstanding service technician who demonstrates exceptional technical expertise, a relentless commitment to customer uptime and exemplary leadership within the agricultural machinery industry.



AGCO's Technician of the Year program, now in its fourth year, recognizes North American AGCO dealer technicians for their diagnostic and technical abilities, dedication to continuous learning and excellent customer service skills. Hildebrand of Ag West Ltd. in Neepawa, Manitoba, Canada, was awarded the 2025 title and a \$5,000 grand prize after a three-day, hands-on competition against five other finalists who were nominated by AGCO dealerships across the US and Canada.

The competition featured real-world situations testing their critical thinking, product knowledge and technical skills through six different scenarios that measured participants' diagnostic and customer service abilities. This year's competition focused on the Fendt™ Rogator™ sprayer, with future events set to cover other AGCO brands and equipment

"Our technicians are the backbone of our dealer network and serve as the critical link in keeping farmers' equipment up and running during vital field operations," said Ash Alt, Manager, Aftersales Technical Training at AGCO. "Kyle exemplifies the very best of AGCO service and truly delivers on our Farmer-First strategy, combining deep technical skill with a true commitment to our farmers' success. We are proud to honor him with this well-deserved award."

"Receiving this award is a huge honor, because this competition was definitely not easy," said Hildebrand. "Working on Rogators and other AGCO equipment and helping local growers get through critical seeding, spraying and harvest seasons every year is what I love to do. I'm grateful to my team at Ag West Ltd. for supporting my training and development."

Runner-up honors for 2025 were awarded to:

- Eldon Kalinocha of Full Line Ag Sales Ltd. in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Justin Bohl of Butler Machinery in Chadron, Nebraska
- Malcolm Klassen of LMS Ag Equipment in Stanley, Manitoba
- Josh Kirsch of Ag Revolution (Ag Rev) in Vincennes, Indiana
- AJ Odquist of Plevna Implement in Kokomo, Indiana

Maintaining equipment from AGCO's Fendt and Massey Ferguson™ and technology from PTx™ brands requires the skills of highly trained professionals, and AGCO works closely with its dealers and regional educational institutions to identify, encourage and equip talented technicians. The [Technician of the Year](#) competition, the [AGCO NexTECH](#) vocational college program, and the [AGCO Service Technician A.A.S.](#) associate degree program at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois, are examples of these focused efforts.

To learn more about AGCO's Technician of the Year competition, go to [AGCOtechnician.com](https://www.agcotechnician.com) or contact your local AGCO dealer.

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