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Hiland Dairy Introduces Electric Hostlers to Reduce Emissions and Enhance Efficiency at Oklahoma Facilities

Springfield, MO – February 13, 2025 – Hiland Dairy is driving into the future with the addition of two fully electric terminal tractors from Orange EV at its Chandler and Norman, Oklahoma, locations. This initiative, made possible through funding from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) via the VW Trust grant program, underscores Hiland Dairy's commitment to sustainability and operational efficiency.

Electric hostlers, also known as electric yard trucks or terminal tractors, represent a significant advancement in transportation electrification. These trucks offer numerous benefits, including reduced fuel consumption, lower maintenance costs, and a safer, cleaner work environment for drivers. Unlike traditional diesel-powered yard trucks, electric hostlers produce zero emissions, significantly improving air quality and supporting Hiland's ongoing efforts to operate responsibly.

"We are committed to making decisions that positively impact our employees, customers, and the communities we serve," said Adam Brown, Director of Distribution at Hiland Dairy. "Thanks to the Oklahoma DEQ, our Chandler and Norman plants can now reduce fuel use and emissions while enhancing efficiency."

Hiland Dairy continues to invest in sustainable business practices, ensuring its operations remain environmentally responsible and economically sound. The company thanks Oklahoma DEQ for its support and looks forward to continued innovation in sustainable transportation.

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About Hiland Dairy Foods

Hiland Dairy is a leading farmer-owned dairy foods company headquartered in Springfield, Missouri. The company offers a wide range of dairy products, including milk, dips, cottage cheese, flavored milk, sour cream, yogurt, ice cream, butter, cheese, and egnog. Beyond dairy, Hiland also produces and distributes beverages such as Red Diamond Tea, lemonade, and fresh juices. With over 4,000 employees across Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, Hiland Dairy is committed to delivering the freshest products to its customers. Learn more at <http://www.hilanddairy.com/company/media-center>.

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