Safety Guidelines for Operating a Tailgate Spreader

1. Verify that guards and safety features are in place and all equipment controls are in the “off position” before starting engine.

2. Always check area around equipment before engaging or operating controls and advise anyone nearby to move a safe distance away.

3. Loose jackets, shirts, sleeves or other loose clothing should not be worn because of danger of catching them in moving parts or controls.

4. Stop and inspect equipment if unusual movement, sounds, or noises are observed. Repair damage before restarting and operating equipment.

5. Disengage power to all operating equipment: (1) before leaving operators position; (2) before making any repairs, adjustments or cleaning; and (3) when not in use.

6. Guards and safety features should only be removed for repairs or maintenance. Be sure all guards and safety features are reinstalled properly before operating the equipment.

7. Take all possible precautions when leaving the equipment unattended by disengaging the hydraulic system from the vehicle, shifting vehicle out of gear, setting parking brake, shutting off engine, and removing key.

8. All employees should have proper training before operating.

9. As always, it is a good idea to keep documentation on date of purchase, maintenance, and repairs.