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### **ASABE TO ADOPT THREE NEW STANDARDS FOR FRONT-MOUNTED AG EQUIPMENT**

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has initiated the adoption of three recently published ISO standards for front-mounted agricultural equipment.

The ISO documents, ISO 8759-1, 8759-3, and 8759-4, will replace ANSI/ASABE AD8759-1:1998, Agricultural wheeled tractors — Front-mounted equipment — Part 1: Power take-off and three-point linkage. Originally published in 1998, ISO 8759-1 was updated in 2018, while 8759-3 and 8759-4 are new. As with the previous adoption of ISO 8759-1, the new initiative proposes deviations from the ISO documents, most notably the use of the PTO protective device (master shield) as a step, as will be set forth in the ISO 8759-1 adoption.

ISO 8759-1:1998 was based on ASABE standards ASAE S203, Front and Rear Power Take-Off for Agricultural Tractors, and ASAE S217, Three-Point Free-Link Attachment for Hitching Implements to Agricultural Wheel Tractors. ASABE subsequently withdrew S203 and S217 when it adopted ISO 8759-1:1998.

These adoptions will further harmonize national and international standardization, a goal that facilitates manufacturing, safety advancements, and product marketing worldwide.

ASABE is recognized worldwide as a standards developing organization for food, agricultural, and biological systems, with more than 260 standards currently in publication. Conformance to ASABE standards is voluntary, except where required by state, provincial, or other governmental requirements, and the documents are developed by consensus in accordance with procedures approved by the American National Standards Institute. For information on this or any other ASABE standard, contact Scott Cedarquist at 269-932-7031, [cedarq@asabe.org](mailto:cedarq@asabe.org). A current listing of all ASABE standards projects can be found on the ASABE web site at [www.asabe.org/projects](http://www.asabe.org/projects).

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