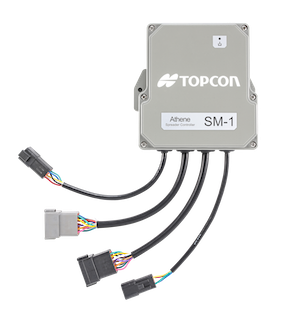
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**Topcon introduces Athene ECU for   
spreader applications**

*LIVERMORE, Calif. — August 30, 2016 —* Topcon Agriculture announces the release of the Athene™ ECU to its line of application control units. Athene is an ISOBUS ECU with ISO-UT or Universal Terminal user interface designed to offer industry-leading spreader control to support granular belt fertilizer spreaders.

“Similar to the Topcon Apollo for air seeder control, the Athene ECU is a full-featured hydraulic belt spreader solution that is based on industry-proven technology and decades of industry experience from RDS Technology, a recent acquisition by Topcon,” said John Newcombe, product manager, Topcon Agriculture.

Athene features variable rate application (VRA) and section control (SC) for spreader start and stop via the TC controller; application rate control proportional to forward speed based on hydraulic belt speed; ability to change rate on-the-go; and gate height control and monitoring.

“Athene brings a new level of productivity, efficiency and ease-of-use to spreader systems,” said Newcombe. “It features an intuitive user interface designed for operation with Topcon X consoles or existing tractor ISOBUS universal terminals.”

With the addition of load cells and an associated ECU, the Athene system can also offer optional weighing functionality. The system is designed to display live product weight in the spreader and provide dynamic on-the-go auto calibration. The weighing ECU also features dual axis angle measurement for compensation when working on sloping fields.

Additional functions and features are scheduled to further enhance the capabilities of the Athene spreader control system to meet the increasing demands of the marketplace.

For more information on Athene visit [topconpositioning.com/agriculture](http://www.topconpositioning.com/agriculture).

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