Breaking New Ground

Dear Reader,

Who would have thought it until recently: A tiny virus paralyzes the entire world. Entire business sectors have to furlough their workers because of it, others work overtime till they drop. The coronavirus crisis has shown us the disadvantages of the modern world. Factories had to close because the supply chains broke due to raw materials and intermediate products being procured from just a few sources or the suppliers being located overseas. In several sectors, this will result in profound changes toward more diversity and the trend of globalization has been stopped.

Most people have behaved rationally in this crisis. Distances are being kept and whoever displays symptoms of illness quarantines themselves. Even work itself has changed in many areas: whoever is able to, works from home. Here too, many areas will change once the pandemic is over toward more flexible work locations and more flexible working times.

My feeling is that more people are now out and about in the fresh air enjoying the good spring weather. For example, during my evening walks with the dog, I meet far more parents out with their youngsters or cyclists than before. What has not changed is the number of farmers carrying on with their daily work on the fields. "The food supply is extremely

important, also in times of crisis. That is why corona, from today's perspective, will not hit us as hard as it has other sectors," says the new Chairman of the Board at Agco/Fendt in our interview on page 18. We had actually planned other questions when we requested the interview at the end of January 2020. Then Covid-19 hit with such force that we devoted a great deal of attention to the company's current measures.

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