



## EVERGLADES EQUIPMENT GROUP HYDRAULIC CRANE MEETS WIDE-RANGING NEEDS OF AGRIBUSINESSES

### INTRODUCTION

Everglades Equipment Group, a family-owned business, began in 1963 serving the agricultural industry around Lake Okeechobee, in the south central part of Florida.

Now with nearly 20 locations throughout the south central Florida region, the company serves customers ranging from some of the largest agricultural producers of sugar, citrus and vegetables to individual farmers, nurseries, commercial landscape management companies and property owners. Everglades Equipment Group has one of the nation's largest inventories of John Deere tractors, utility vehicles, lawn mowers and construction equipment. They also carry brand names like Stihl, Yeti, Honda, Alamo, Frontier and more.

### THE CHALLENGE

Jesse Santoro, field service technician with Everglades Equipment Group, required a larger crane to pick up and move an array of agricultural equipment such as John Deere disks and wheels for several sizes of tractors. He also needed to move outbuilding roofs and even be able to suspend cabs in the air.

Everglades Equipment Group ordered a Ford F-550 service truck from Action Body in Tampa Bay and worked with them to find a hydraulic crane that would have greater lifting capacity than the electric cranes they typically used.

### THE VENTURO SOLUTION

Everglades Equipment Group purchased the Venturo HT25KX crane.

**"I use the crane every day and it picks up everything I need. It is really fast and a great tool to have. I have no complaints and have not had any problems."**

**Jesse Santoro**  
field technician  
Everglades Equipment Group

It is a fully hydraulic 25,000-ft.-lbs. crane with a maximum lifting capacity of 5,000 lbs. at 6 ft. It features proportional (full 20' hydraulic boom extension) and non-proportional controls (16' hydraulic extension, 4' manual extension) with a capacity overload shut-off system, anti-two-blocking system, remote control pendant with a 25 ft. cord and a load block with swivel hook safety latch.

The HT25KX meets ANSI B30.5 safety standards and OSHA 1910.180 requirements.

### CONCLUSION

Since installing the crane on the truck, Santoro has been very pleased with the Venturo HT25KX.