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In 2003, Tennessee-bred Lucy Hale got her big break in showbiz by winning teenager-themed “American Idol” spinoff “American Juniors.” “I was convinced I was the second coming of Kelly Clarkson,” she joked to Billboard last year. Now older and wiser, the 24-year-old is readying her country debut with co-writer Kristian Bush (of Sugarland) and producers Mark Bright (Carrie Underwood) and Mike Daly (Lana Del Rey). Lead single “You Sound Good to Me” is the first sampling of an album full of lovestruck lyrics and sweeping choruses that Hale hopes will vault her into Nashville’s top tier. “Once you get in the circle of country music, they stay with you for life,” Hale said. “But they don’t just let anyone in.”