

Tractor Maintenance Neglect Causes Fuel Waste

Did you know that improper tractor engine maintenance is costing U S farmers 15c out of every dollar they spend for fuel?

If you run your tractor 100 hours a year (that's the national average), this means you are spending \$375 for gasoline, but waste \$56.25 of it by not paying closer attention to the routine maintenance chores that should be taken care of at regular intervals.

ASC Elects

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neville School

Yesterday was the beginning day for sign-up in the 1962 barley feed grain and wheat stabilization programs, Miss Dorothy Neel, Office manager said. However, the local office can take only tentative applications until about September 25. Miss Neel explained since the program has been signed into law so recently, official payment procedures have not yet been received by the Lancaster office of ASC Farmers with questions about either program are asked to contact the office, Miss Neel said.


Two FFA Teams Play Softball

By James Shertzer

A softball game between the Garden Spot chapter of Future Farmers of America at Lampeter-Strasburg high school and the Grasslands chapter from New Holland had to be called after three innings because of darkness this week.

Garden Spot, the host chapter, wound up on the winning end of an 18 to 5 score. Big guns for the winners were Dale Rohrer and Ken Denlinger with three hits each and seven runs batted in between them.

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systems — with dirty air cleaners, incorrect timing, bad carburetion and worn spark plugs topping the list of performance robbing defects which cause tractors to waste power and fuel.

If your tractor seems to be using more gasoline than usual, a check of the following areas may save you some money

1 Air cleaner—Check and clean reservoir frequently, daily if necessary. Service entire unit at least once a season and oftener if the tractor is used under extremely dusty conditions. Remember operating a tractor with a clogged air filter is just like running with the choke open.

2 Fuel filter and sediment bowl—Inspect daily and clean weekly. Watch for dirt and water in the bowl. When

replacing bowl, make sure gasket surfaces are in good shape to prevent leaks.

3 Distributor — Inspect & adjust breaker points at about 100 hours and replace every 250 hours. When servicing old points, use a point file (never sandpaper) to remove pitting. Set gap spacing in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and always retune the engine after points are installed. Check inside of distributor cap for cracks, dirt and moisture.

4 Spark plugs—Clean after 125 hours of service and replace after 250 hours. Remember, worn plugs can waste 7c out of every dollar's worth of gas you buy and almost 9 percent of your tractor's power.

5 Cooling system—Check condition of fan belt, radiator hoses and thermostat. Either overheating or underheating will cause poor overall performance and greatly increase engine wear.

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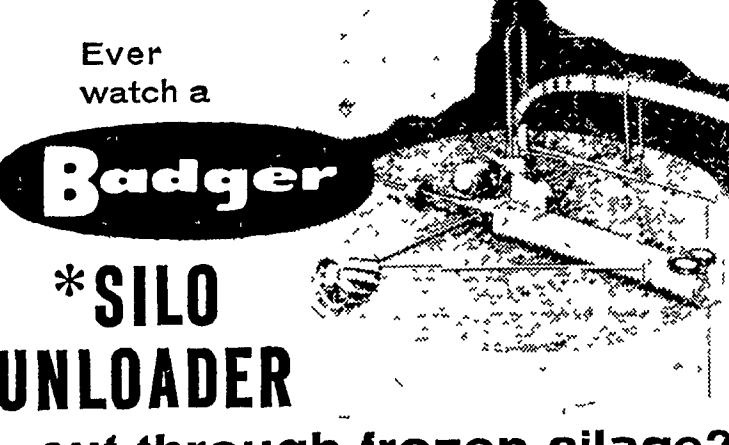
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