

# Four-wheel drive tractors gaining popularity

By KENDACE BORRY LITITZ — Four-wheel drive tractors are here to stay, that seems to be the opinion of dealers who

handle the product and farmers who own or use them. The large machines which are seen in an increasing number will

probably become more popular in the future, their owners claim.

Tom Yohe, speaking for C.B. Hooper and Son, In-

tercourse, that handles the Steiger tractor line, stated that sales of the machines are satisfactory. "We're not selling quite as many this

year as last year," he related, "but most farmers that buy them are grain farmers, and they just aren't buying as much because of the depressed grain prices."

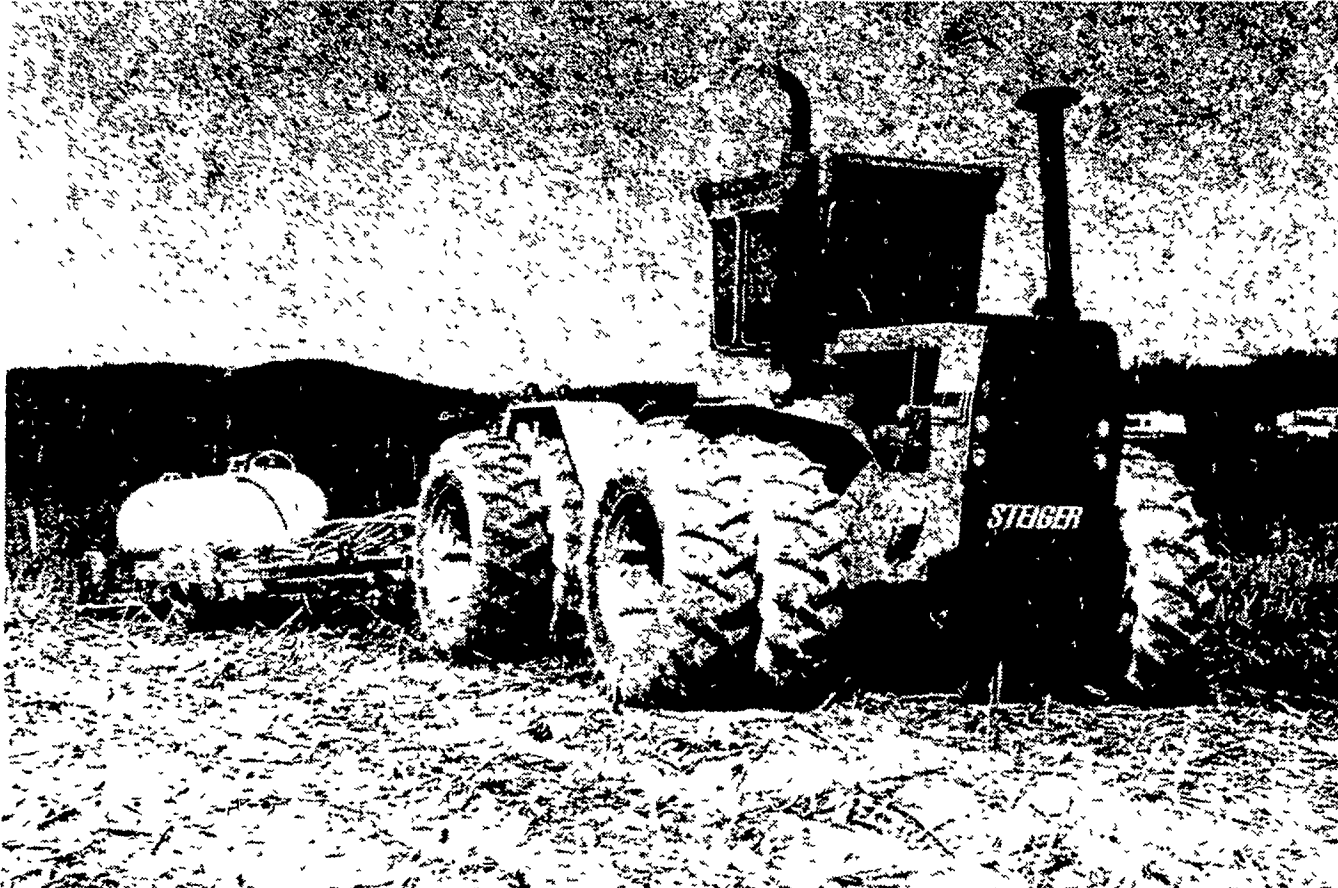
Yohe thinks there are several advantages to having a four-wheel drive tractor. "There is more power in a four-wheel drive, and from a Steiger, you will get more work from a gallon of fuel. There is also better traction in a four-wheel drive, and there is a saving in labor, too. You can do the work of two or three regular tractors with a four-wheel drive. You can work faster

and there is less down-time. That is, it won't be broken down as much as the traditional tractors."

Leonard Hurst, representing Binkley and Hurst Bros., Lititz; talked about the Case four-wheel drive tractors his company handles.

"We're happy with our sales," he commented. "The four-wheel drive tractor is going to become more popular with the large farms because they make it possible to do more work with less manpower. There

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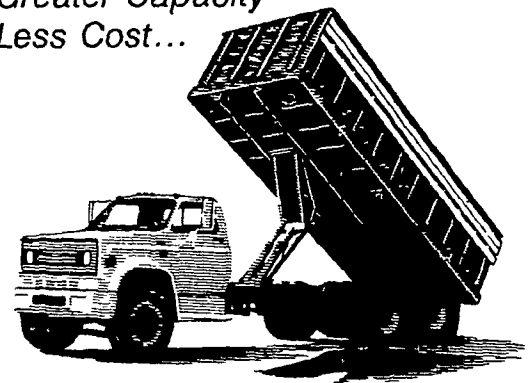


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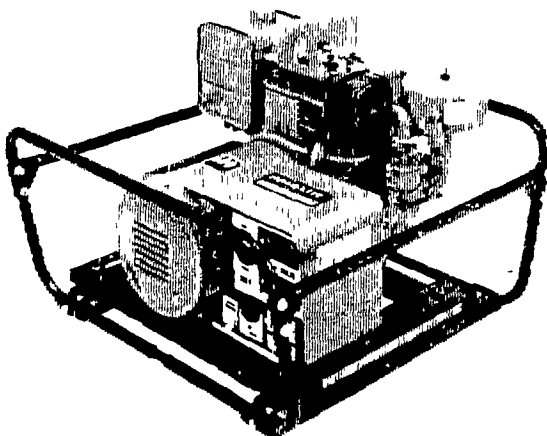
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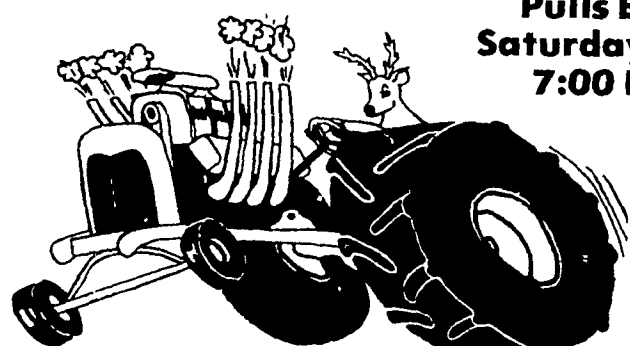
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