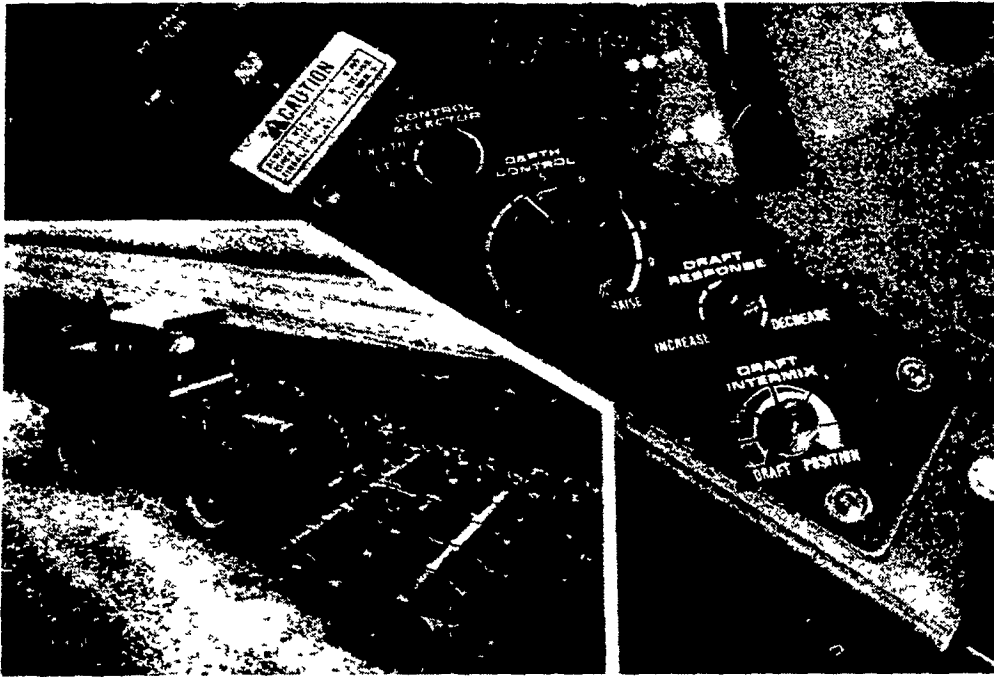


M-F introduces first electronic 3-point hitch

A new electronically controlled three-point hitch system, the first of its kind from a North American manufacturer, is offered in the new MF 4880 and MF 4840 four-wheel-drive tractors now in production at the company's Des Moines plant.



New MF 4880 and MF 4840 four-wheel-drive tractors from Massey-Ferguson offer an optional electronically controlled three-point hitch system, first of its kind from a North American manufacturer. Tractor (lower left) utilizes new hitch to operate MF 129 chisel plow. Close up view (upper right) shows control panel for lift, position selector, depth, draft response, and draft intermix.

With this optional, factory-installed hitch system the operator has a choice of positive position control, full draft control, or an infinitely variable intermix of the two. He can use the tractor's horsepower more effectively by precisely matching implement working depth to differing field conditions.

Instead of using mechanical linkage to transmit draft and position control, this new system incorporates induction coils to sense draft and position changes and to transmit the signals electrically through a control box to a solenoid-operated lift control valve.

The MF system also includes a lift switch and transport lock. Once the implement is set at the desired working depth, the operator simply pushes the lift switch to "Up" to raise the implement to full transport position. After he makes his field turn, he presses the "Down" switch to lower the implement to the preset working depth.

When the tractor and implement are to be moved to a new location, the operator switches the control to the transport lock position. This cancels all signals to the lift control valve so that the operator cannot accidentally move the control and lower the mounted implement to the road when it is being transported.

Hy-Cross awards presented

INTERCOURSE — A dinner was given at the Harvest Drive Restaurant, Intercourse, on Wednesday, December 13, in recognition of Lancaster County farmers who excelled in using Hy-Cross started pullets. The Hy-Cross Company, headquartered in Doylestown, is eastern regional distributor of Hy-Line chicks and started pullets.

All told, awards were presented for "outstanding

egg production," according to Frank M. Loew, Jr., sales manager for Hy-Cross. Loew pointed out that the national average for this business is 235 to 240 eggs-hen housed.

"These people have achieved figures in excess of 240 in a 52 week production period," said the sales manager. "The highest eleven were over 270, with the top man at 283," he continued. "These are outstanding production figures."

The meeting was attended by 120 Lancaster County farmers—most of which were Amish. The top eleven men received battery powered wall clocks in recognition of their accomplishments, in addition to trophies.

Also attending the dinner were Wayne Moree, general manager of Hy-Cross, Dr. Charles Howe, Des Moines, Iowa; Don Kelsey, New Holland, Art Detweiler, Pipersville, and Russ Batson, Doylestown.

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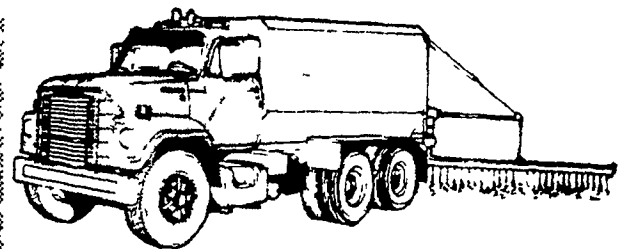
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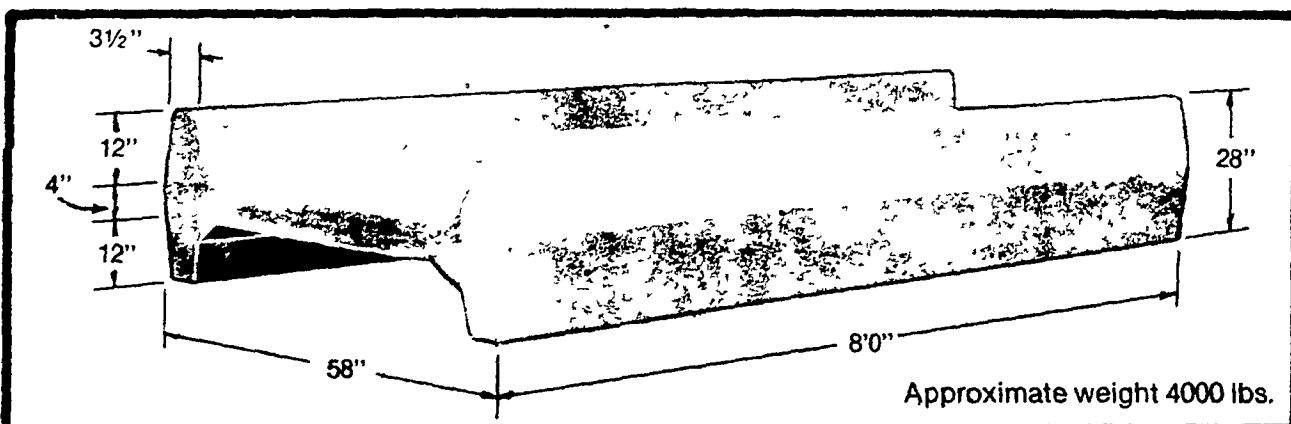
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