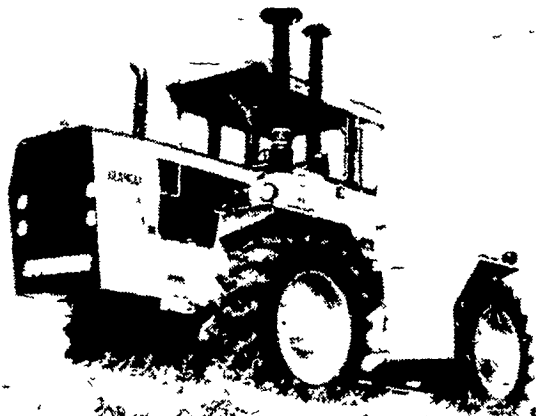


Offers 225 hp tractor



This monster 225 hp four-wheel-drive tractor from Steiger offers farmers an alternative to higher-horsepower, two-wheel-drive tractors and other four-wheel-drive tractors in the under-200 drawbar hp class. The Steiger Bearcat III ST 225 features a turbocharged, in-line, six-cylinder Caterpillar 3306T engine. The model's Dana-Spicer SST-1010 transmissions combined with two-speed transfer case provides 20 forward speeds. The Steiger Safair Cab features as standard: air conditioner and heater, pressurized dust control, tinted glass, full instrumentation and am/fm stereo radio.

Farm Business News

Sets milking parlor tour

DOUGLASSVILLE — installed by Longacre Area farmers will have an opportunity to visit a prototype milking parlor, the first of its kind in the country, during the open house 7:30 to 10 p.m. December 8 at the Earl Hafer farm, R2 Douglassville, Berks County.

The parlor brings together the famous Surge line of dairy equipment, manufactured by Babson Brothers of Chicago, and a prefabricated, insulated metal building supplied by Bally Case & Cooler, Inc., Bally. The building was installed by Longacre Electrical Service, Inc., also of Bally.

In the past, many milking parlors have been constructed of concrete blocks. Such buildings are often inadequately ventilated and hard to keep clean. Because of poor insulation, they are also difficult to maintain to temperatures comfortable for farm workers.

The parlor at the Hafer farm, in contrast, is assembled of Bally sectional prefabricated construction panels, each insulated with four inches of urethane foamed in place between galvanized

steel surface pans. The resulting building is exceptionally sanitary. Steel interior walls make it simple to wash down. The building is well ventilated, and because of the insulation (which has an "R" value of 34), easy to keep comfortably warm in winter and cool in summer.

Twelve Surge milking stalls make it possible to handle a dozen cows at once. In addition to the parlor, the building contains two more rooms, one housing the milk storage tank, sanitation equipment and controls. The other room is a utility area for the vacuum pump, hardware storage and refrigeration equipment.

A heat-return system was incorporated into the design to take advantage of heat generated by the milk cooling system. This heat can be channeled back into the milking parlor itself. Through the end of November, the insulation of

the panels has been so effective that the body heat of the cows alone has been enough to keep the room warm. The heat-return system will be needed only during the coldest winter months.

Buildings of this kind may provide tax benefits for farmers. Because Internal Revenue Service rulings generally treat prefabs as equipment rather than real estate, prefabs may qualify for special investment credits and rapid depreciation. Conventional buildings are not eligible for these advantages.

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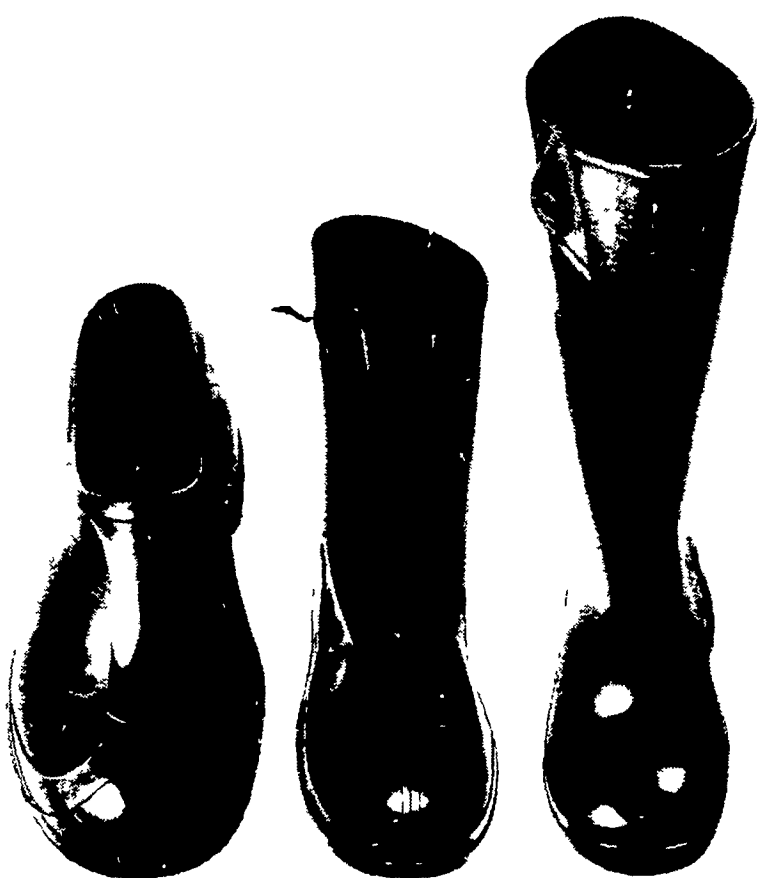
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