

The Combine: first a miracle, now a necessity, but definitely Massey.

Mankind has been harvesting grain for many centuries, but we advanced all the way from the scythe to the first combine in a little over 100 years.

Two companies, founded by Daniel Massey and Alanson Harns and now merged as Massey-Ferguson, had a lot to do with those advances in harvesting technology especially the evolution of the grain combine.

Giant strides in mechanized harvesting.

Massey's reaper binder was an important step. In the 1860's, they were saying that "it does more 'n eighteen hands does, and you don't have to cook nothin' for it neither."

But the developments that followed were even more significant. In 1910, Massey introduced its No. 1 Reaper Thresher that combined cutting, threshing and separating functions into a single horse-drawn machine.

Over the next 28 years, improvements to Massey's reaper thresher led up to the combine as farmers know it today. These improvements included powering the

mechanism first with a gasoline engine and later with a tractor PTO, and the introduction of the rasp bar cylinder, a tremendous improvement in threshing efficiency.

500 Massey combines lead charge of the "Harvest Brigade."

In the 1930's Tom Carroll, a Massey engineer recognized as the father of the modern combine, developed the prototype of the world's first successful self-propelled combine. Massey introduced it in 1938.

The new combine was just in time for World War II. Some 500 units were used to form a "Harvest Brigade" following the opening wheat from Texas to Saskatchewan — sweeping across a million acres to harvest 25 million bushels a season. Supported by Massey technicians, the Brigade became an ongoing — and still mostly Massey — tradition that continues to this day.

The corn combine fits into Massey's heritage, too. The Schmidt brothers, Massey-Ferguson dealers in Ohio, put the snapping unit from a Massey corn picker on a combine and the result was a workable corn combine.

One good idea keeps leading to another.

That's the way it's been, all through the evolution of Massey combines. From hydraulic header lifts to all-gear final drives and from low-profile corn head design to the quick-attach header feature, the list of Massey innovations goes on and on.

This non-stop improvement policy means the Massey combine you buy today is the most productive Massey combine ever. You can be sure that, when there is a better way of harvesting, you'll find it in a Massey combine.

So, see your MF dealer and check out the newest Massey combines, including the higher capacity MF 860 and 850 models now being introduced. You'll be looking at 134 years of harvesting ideas, ready to work for you.



Now, more than ever,
Massey makes sense.

