

# Watusi cattle

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and blood," said Dickinson. The Watusi tribe is considered the tallest race of people, with adult males reaching 7 feet tall. Watusi natives consider their cattle sacred and will not eat their meat. When importing the Watusi from Africa, they must spend one year under quarantine in England and additional years in Sweden. Calves born in Sweden are eligible for U.S. import. During this time, they're constantly tested to insure they enter the U.S. disease free. Dickinson, who plays an important role in the promotion of Texas Longhorn cattle, believes there is an exciting future for this unique breed. He acquired his first Watusi in December, 1978 and now has a breeding program using embryo transfer along with artificial insemination.

For the first time, Watusi semen is available from Dickinson Ranch for \$15 an ampule. The semen has been collected from "Jimmy the Swede", a four year old bull imported from Sweden in 1979. The roping industry will have a lot to look forward to next year as the first Watusi cross-breeds hit the ground and start growing. "There has been a real shortage of big horned cattle," said Dickinson. The ability of Watusi horns to grow at such a rapid rate gives the roping industry a bright new future. Watusi-crosses have enough horn at an early age to be used much sooner than any other breed of cattle. Presently, there is no Watusi

KEWANEE, Ill. — Farmers practicing a comprehensive reduced tillage program need to select cultivation tools designed to operate effectively in heavy crop residue, according to Howard Hadler, Division Engineer for Kewanee Machinery.

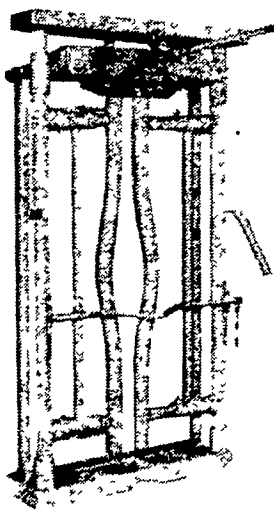
registry. But who knows, with the popularity this breed has gained in just a short period of time—when the word Watusi is mentioned in the future, people will think cattle, not dancing! For more information on Watusi semen availability contact: Dickinson Ranch, R2, Calhan, Colorado 80808; phone 303/683-2655.

The rotary hoe is a prime example of a cultivation implement that needs to be selected specifically for the tillage program in which it is going to be used, says Hadler. This is particularly true for fields that have been planted to corn the previous year and have stalks remaining on the surface. Surface residue is a major challenge to effective rotary hoe operation. Halder points to several major rotary hoe design features important in coping with heavy crop residue. Among these are gangs and wheels designed to be self-cleaning; balanced design for optimum use of implement weight, and low maintenance. Spacing of hoe wheels on each

gang and how the gangs work with each other is a crucial design factor. "When the wheels on the front gang are interspaced with wheels from the back gang, they establish a self-cleaning effect," Hadler explains. "They're less likely to plug since each gang of hoe wheels is ground driven as a unit. Consequently, one gang constantly cleans crop residue from the other as they move across the field."

An implement designed to make the most effective use of its own weight is also important, particularly in crusty soil or heavy crop residue situations, according to Hadler.

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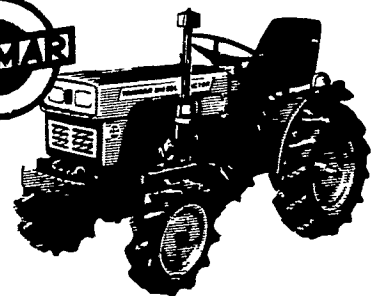
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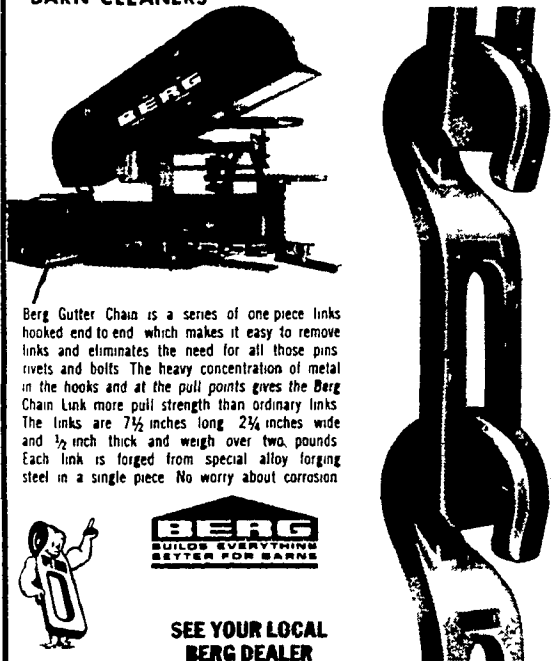
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