

# Ida's Notebook

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It seems that one job follows another relentlessly. There are very few rest periods. Now that the three silos are filled and the corn gleaned from the fields, the manure pit must be emptied. When it is hauled out and disced in, then rye will be plowed as a cover crop to be fed in the spring. Our 90 some head of cows, heifers and calves have an unending appetite and it takes a lot of silage, hay and bought feed to satisfy them.

My husband has a new stainless steel mixer to properly proportion the feed to the animals and a belt feeder but it still takes a lot of time

to do the job properly. A young man from a neighboring farm is now helping with the milking and field chores.

And, I feel as though my jobs fall into the same category. There is no end to the things that I think that I should accomplish. The houseplants are potted but not arranged on the windowsills. There are still some sweet potatoes to dig and a log of pumpkins and squash to store for the winter. Of course, I can't leave the last beans, cucumbers, and tomatoes out in the garden. So, I pick them on my way back from getting the last of

the red raspberries.

This year we have so many black walnuts and I'd be happy to give them to anyone as otherwise they'll be wasted. Some of them are extra big this year and I've been slow to hull the ones that I did pick up. It seems that there is always something else I'd sooner do than get "brown fingers."



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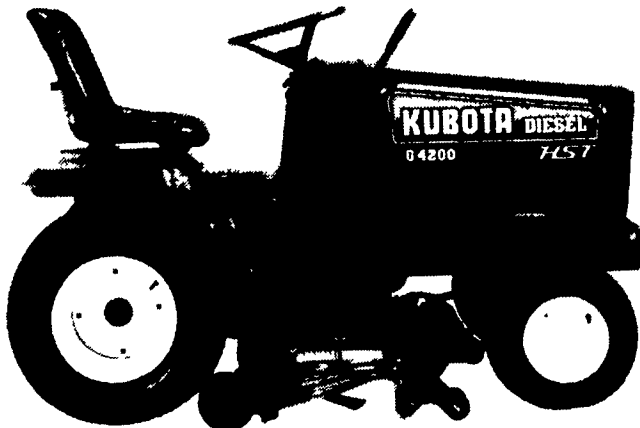
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