



Steiger Wildcat is second member of company's under-200 hp tractor series.

Steiger 1000-Series Tractors Offer Steerable Front Axle

FARGO, ND — Steiger Tractor Inc. has introduced its second four-wheel-drive tractor in the under-200-PTO horsepower class. Production begins this month on the new 190 PTO HP Wildcat 1000.

With the Wildcat, Steiger has added its sixth model to the 1000 Series. Those six tractors share three frames and utilize many common components for increased manufacturing efficiencies and parts commonality. The Wildcat shares the frame and drive train with the 168 PTO HP Puma 1000.

The Wildcat and Puma offer an option that is unique in the four-wheel-drive industry: a steerable front axle.

"On the Wildcat and Puma, we've taken four-inch diameter bar axles and inboard planetary gears and designed this axle system so an operator can turn these tractors six degrees to the

right or left," said Dallas Lien, Steiger vice president of engineering.

Lien explained there are numerous advantages to such a configuration. First, because the axle is steerable, both the four-wheel-drive Puma and Wildcat can work in row crops with the agility of a two-wheeler, but with the traction advantages of a real four-wheel-drive. Second, the combination of a steerable front axle and Steiger's time-tested articulation provides the Wildcat and Puma with a 12.8 foot turning radius—the shortest turning radius of any two-wheel-drive-front-assist or four-wheel-drive tractor in their class. Third, infinite tread settings from 60 to 130 inches are standard on the Wildcat and Puma because their bar axles are incorporated with inboard planetary gears.

Sprayer From John Deere

MOLINE, Ill. — John Deere will soon offer a 350-gallon sprayer designed specifically for 50-series row-crop tractors equipped with mechanical front-wheel drive.

The 230 sprayer can be used with a boom or a row-crop cultivator for post-emerge fertilizer and herbicide applications in young crops, and with a disk, a mulch finisher, or a planter for pre-emerge herbicide application.

An optional transfer control bundle allows the 230 to be used as

a nurse tank for rear-mounted or pull-type sprayers, such as the 250 SpraCart. The addition of 350 gallons — for total tank capacity of 850 gallons — means the operator can reduce refilling trips and stay in the field longer. And the 230 uses the same solution controls as the 250, making the nurse tank application an economical choice.

The tractor-mounted 230 sprayer is for MFWD-equipped 4050, 4250, 4450, 4650 and 4850 John Deere tractors. It will be available in January.



The new 230 sprayer was designed specifically for 50-series row crop tractors with mechanical front-wheel-drive.

Ford Unveils Subsidiary Name

WOODLANDS, Texas — Ford Tractor Operations will become Ford New Holland, Inc., a Ford Motor Company subsidiary, on Jan. 1. The new name reflects the acquisition this year by Ford of the New Holland agricultural-equipment business from Sperry Corporation.

"The joining of Ford Tractor and New Holland produces an organization of tremendous strength and resources," said Ed Hasel general sales manager for North American Sales Operations. "It's a resilient organization that's in this business for the long haul."

The New Holland purchase was very important, Hasel said, because Ford Tractor has become

the last major company specializing in tractors only. Even for the world's number two tractor maker, "In today's depressed and fiercely competitive market, it was clear that the future was limited for any single-line company," he said.

New Holland, like Ford Tractor, operates in more than 100 countries. In North America, it leads the market in balers, forage equipment, mower-conditioners, grinder-mixers, manure spreaders, bale wagons, hay rakes and mowers.

Ford and New Holland together have 18,000 employees worldwide and combined annual sales of \$2 billion.

Hasel said continuous improvements in Ford New Holland's products and the way it conducts its business will "power our drive for leadership in every field that we're in" — agricultural and industrial tractors, farm machinery, and diesel engines for trucks as well as traditional agricultural applications.

Hasel spoke at a news conference held jointly with Ford Truck Operations and Ford Division at The Woodlands Inn and Conference Center in The Woodlands, Texas, a suburb of Houston. The 1987 line of Ford pickup trucks was introduced at the news conference.

Johnson Joins York Farm Credit

YORK — Cary L. Johnson has been named to the position of farm records and tax specialist for the York Farm Credit Service, according to Duane G. Bosler, vice president.

The Farm Records and Tax Service is provided to farmers, and agribusinesses in South Central Pennsylvania. Since 1985, the farm records and tax service needs of farmers previously served by the Agway Profile Records and Tax Service have been met by the York Farm Credit Service.

Johnson, a native of Michigan was previously employed by Northern Michigan Farm Credit Service, where she served as farm

records and tax specialist. She is currently attending Millersville College.

The basis that the Records and Tax Service offers is the Agrifax system, which is a time proven, user oriented, computer based system that is used by approximately 18,000 farmers across the nation. Bosler noted that the Agrifax system being used by York Farm Credit can be used with a farmer's own computer or information can be provided to Farm Credit's computer for processing, which provides useful monthly reports for making today's critical farm management decisions.

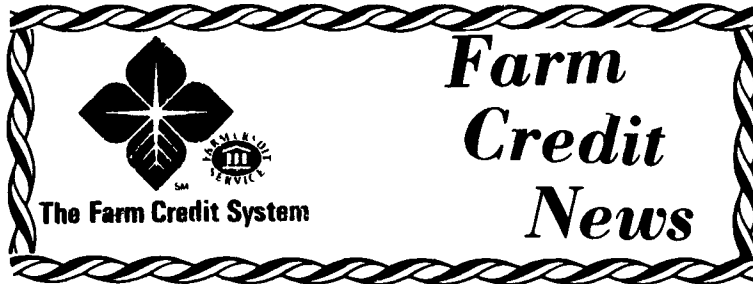
Another record keeping option available is the manual system,



Cary Johnson

which features quarterly profit and loss statements, that enables Farm Credit to serve a wide variety of farm accounting needs.

The Farm Records and Tax Service is available to all farmers eligible to use Farm Credit's lending programs, even if they are not present borrowers.



Loy Retires From York Farm Credit

YORK — Walter Z. Loy, branch manager of the York Farm Credit Service, Carlisle Office, has retired after a career of 26 years.

Loy is a native of a rural community in Cumberland County. He graduated from the Newville High School and attended Penn State University. In 1960 he joined the staff of Farm Credit as an assistant manager. Two years later he was promoted to branch manager. In this capacity he worked closely with farmers in Cumberland and Perry Counties.

Active in many community

affairs, Loy served as Basketball Official for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, served as manager of the Teener League Baseball Teams, and served as president and advisor to 4-H groups. The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore recognized his unselfish personal commitment to promoting the welfare of the community in 1983.

He has been involved in the Pennsylvania Association of Farm Cooperatives (PAFC) and has served as Youth Counselor on the state level at the PAFC Summer Institute.



Walter Z. Loy

ATV's Lighten Farm Workload

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Without a doubt, motorized horsepower — in the form of the versatile, lightweight, fuel-efficient all-terrain vehicle (ATV) — is rapidly replacing equine horsepower on farms both large and small across America. For the ATV, it seems, is the perfect answer to the U.S. farmer's need for a low-cost, reliable versatile "workhorse."

Whatever the chore, farmers are finding ways to put their ATVs to use — praising them for their versatility, durability, low cost, and fuel economy. Honda offers a number of all-terrain vehicles especially suited to the needs of farmers.

Among the new offerings for 1987 is the FourTrax Foreman 4x4. This four-wheel-drive workhorse comes equipped with a powerful four-stroke engine, front and rear utility carriers, deep lug tires, and a handy detachable 60-watt headlight. For extra comfort during those long days in the field, the FourTrax Foreman 4x4 also comes with an extra-thick

cushioned seat.

Other popular farm models are the Big Red three-wheeler and, in the four-wheeled category, the FourTrax 250 and four-wheel-drive FourTrax 4x4. Each has a powerful four-stroke engine, five-speed transmission with a super-low first gear and a handy reverse, electric starter, automatic clutch,

and a towing capacity of up to 850 pounds.

The 1987 Honda ATV line includes eight four-wheeled and four three-wheeled ATVs. Among the entries, in addition to those models designed with the needs of farmers and ranchers in mind, are vehicles suited for a variety of industrial and recreational uses.



Two all-terrain vehicles in Honda line are FourTrax 250 (left) and new FourTrax Foreman.