

Ford New Holland Updates Bidirectional Tractor

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster)—Product performance gets a significant boost thanks to updates for the Versatile Bidirectional™ tractor from Ford New Holland. Drive-train design changes have boosted tractive effort 10 percent, according to Product Manager Jim Payton. He says the increase is the result of improvements in hydro-

statics, splitter box, drop housing and spindles. In addition, axle-tube wall thickness has been increased. Other changes include a more-durable frame and improved hydraulics.

Payton says the Bidirectional Model 276 is winning friends coast to coast on both sides of the U.S./Canadian border. The ability to mount sprayers, planters, culti-

vators, tillage units, and other implements at either end of the "276" lets operators double up on field work in critical planting and harvest times. This also can save an extra tractor on the job, Payton notes.

Dairymen and beef producers like the all-hydrostatic four-wheel drive to spread and pack silage in trench and bunker silos. With the loader mounted on the cab end, the operator has exceptional visibility, making it a superior loader to feed out silage, move dirt or haul manure.

Time-pressed hay growers have already figured out how to team up a 14-foot swather head on the cab end of the unit with a 12-foot pivot-tongue model 499 Haybine mower-conditioner at the other end to cut 26 feet of alfalfa on every pass through the field.



The "276" Versatile Bidirectional tractor from Ford New Holland has hydrostatic four-wheel drive. Operator's seat and console rotate to face either direction for best visibility in either "push or pull" work modes. Live PTO and Category II three-point hookup are available for either or both ends. Planting, haying and harvesting work is simplified. In winter it feeds cattle and removes snow.

Dogs Need 1988 Licenses At Age Six Months

HARRISBURG (Dauphin)—Pennsylvanians who have failed to purchase 1988 licenses for their dogs 6 months of age or older are violating the law and could be fined up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog, an official of the State Department of Agriculture warns.

William K. Kennedy, director of the Department's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, noted that the Pennsylvania State Dog Law requires owners to obtain dog licenses by Jan. 1 of each year. Licenses are available by contacting the local county treasurer's office.

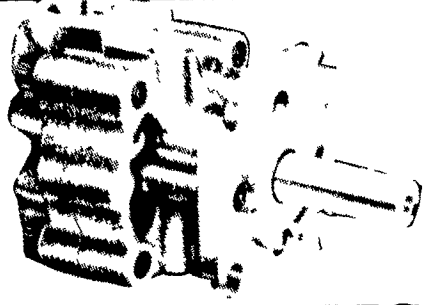
Kennedy said state Dog Law wardens will canvass counties and municipalities throughout the state in coming months. Wardens and

police officers will prosecute the owners of dogs that have not been licensed, he warned.

"Licensing provides valuable protection for the dog, its owner and the public," Kennedy said. "When a dog strays or becomes lost, the license is frequently the only way to trace the owner and return the animal."

"By purchasing a license, the owner shows he cares enough to get the dog back," he said. "A license provides your pet's best chance of finding a way home."

While conducting their license canvasses, wardens also will check to see that all dogs and house cats 3 months of age or older have been vaccinated against rabies. Violations of the state's rabies law can bring fines of up to \$300 a day.



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