

Business News



Vintage Tractors At Keller Bros. Open House

BUFFALO SPRINGS (Lebanon Co.) — Keller Bros. Tractor Co. will be featuring a large selection of vintage tractors at their annual Open House on Feb. 16 and 17.

A variety of tractor makes and models will be on display from manufacturers such as Ford, John

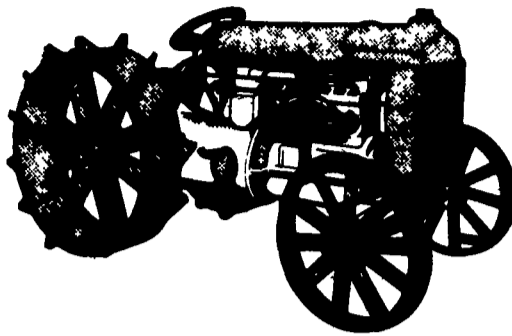
Deere, Oliver, Massey Ferguson, Farmall, and Kubota. A movie produced by Du Pont, "Antique and Classic Tractors," will be shown Friday at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Included in the displays will be several toy tractors.

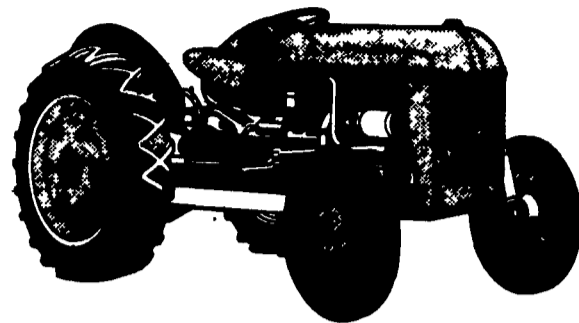
"For those interested in tractors, this event should prove to be very interesting," said David. E. Keller.

The Open House will run from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Saturday. Keller Bros. Tractor Co. is located on Rt. 419 1 mile west of Schaefferstown.

Fordson tractor, 1917



9N tractor with hydraulic three-point hitch, 1939



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Vermeer Introduces Gator Mowers

PELLA, IOWA — Powerful, low-profile disc mowers, designed for faster, dependable cutting action in all kinds of terrain, have been introduced by Vermeer Manufacturing Co.

The Vermeer Gator Mowers — available in 7-, 8- and 9-foot models — feature a solid reinforced frame and an easy-maintenance cutting bed design that requires less horsepower and fuel. All three units come equipped with independent, synchronized cutting discs; reversible heat-tempered, break-resistant cutting knives; tough protective shields; and a quick-turn hydraulic lift system for faster handling on the run or in transport.

The Gator Mower is ideal in rugged fields, wet trampled hay, gopher mounds, and ant hills. The entire cutting bed is powered by one through-bolt. Each disc is an independent cutting head driven by a flexible steel shaft.

Therefore, you can operate longer at much greater vertical angles. And, you can change or repair the discs individually. By removing one easy-access hex nut, you are ready to slide off the individual cutting disc in seconds. The special pressed steel discs rotate in opposite directions (including the top-hat end disc) over the entire width of the mower bed to reduce wrapping or jamming.

Thurston Offers Auto-Reset Shanks On Blu-Jet Sub-Tiller II

THURSTON, NB — Thurston Manufacturing's BLU-JET Sub-Tiller II, the conservation deep-

tilage machine, is now available with auto reset shanks.

The auto-reset feature saves

time in the field because the shanks quickly reset themselves on the go. The operator doesn't leave the tractor.

All Sub-Tiller II shanks feature quick-change points that allow one machine to handle both summer and fall tillage requirements. Summer-till points, designed for use in standing row crops, increase moisture absorption 10 inch to 14 inch deep without root disturbance.

The fall till points penetrate 14 inch to 18 inch deep to fracture soil up to 20 inches on either side of the shank. Because Sub-Tiller II disturbs very little surface residue, erosion can be controlled in compliance with the requirements of the 1985 Conservation Act.

The BLU-JET Sub-Tiller II is available in 2, 3, 5, 7, and 9 shank units, with either 3-point or pull-type hitch. For information, contact Thurston Mfg. Co., P.O. Box 218, Thurston, NB 68062, (402) 385-3041.



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Fertilizer Coulter Hub Reduces Blade Slop, Wobble

ASSARIA, KS — The new fertilizer coulters from Ausherman GP, a division of Great Plains, offers accurate placement of liquid, dry, or suspension fertilizer.

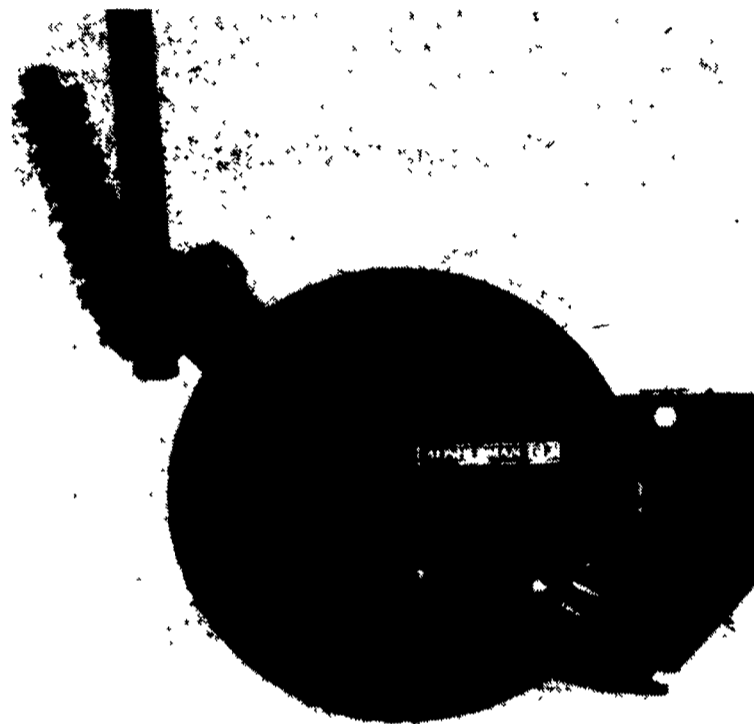
The precision, machined coulters reduce coulters blade slop and wobble. This feature, combined with knife adjustment, allows the fertilizer knife to be kept close to the coulters blade with as much as 2 inches of coulters wear, minimizing plugging. The coulters can be allowed to swivel or it can be locked for rigid operation.

Each fertilizer coulters is adjustable for depth. The blade itself is a 17 inch fluted coulters blade. Every fertilizer knife is tempered and hard-surfaced for long wear and features a stainless steel fertilizer tube.

Durability is also increased by the heavy-duty greasable hub, double-lipped grease seals, and tapered roller bearings.

These fertilizer coulters fit most common planters. They can be mounted directly on the frame or on the front bar with an optional kit.

For information, contact Ausherman GP, PO Box 218, Assaria, KS 67416, (913) 667-4755.



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Ford Tedder Sprays 18-Ft. Hay Swath

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — The new Model 163 pull-type hay tedder from Ford New Holland teds and spreads hay in a swath nearly 18 feet wide.

"This is the machine for larger acreage hay growers," said Joe Weicksel, product manager. Weicksel said the tedder will deal with a pair of 9-foot mower-conditioner swaths in a single pass. "The large-acreage capacity is important when there's a race to get over the crop before the morning dew is lost," he said.

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"These machines are designed for grass crops, but they can speed curing in legumes with careful management. To minimize leaf loss, it is important to complete

the field before leaves are dry enough to shatter or break. Alfalfa that is cut in the evening may cure faster if it is tilled the next morning while damp with dew," Weicksel said.

The Model 163 spindle and axle adjusting system has been designed to simplify adjustment and wheel positioning. The outer rotors fold back for transport through narrow lanes and gates.



The Ford New Holland Model 163 tedder has a 17-foot 9-inch working width. The unit is designed for larger acreage hay producers who are in a race with the sun to ted large fields before morning dew evaporates.