

## Processor Reduces Round Bale Waste

CAROL STREAM, Ill. — The new Hesston Model BP-25 Bale Processor significantly helps reduce round bale waste while allowing one man to haul, process, and feed even the largest bales.

A thorough blending with good hay encourages cattle to more readily eat poorer quality or damaged hay. "After blending hays with the bale processor, some producers reduced wastes by up to 25 percent," said Bob Granaas, product manager, Hesston Corporation. In addition, he noted that with dense bales, the tearing action of the processor helps livestock get feed with a minimum of effort.

No adjustment is required with the Model BP-25 to reduce stemmy crops to palatable lengths for younger cattle or to longer lengths for more mature animals or range feeding. Many producers also enjoy their ability to switch from feeding hay to mulching with straw without time-consuming adjustments.

For many cattlemen, the Model BP-25 Bale Processor significantly reduces feeding times. "If a typ-

ical operation takes three to four hours to unroll round bales, it can probably process and feed the same hay in about one hour," Granaas said. "Some customers say the reduced manhours can help pay for the machine."

With an 80 to 100 hp tractor, a 1,500-pound round bale can be processed in four minutes to six minutes whether feeding hay or mulching with straw. The bale processor accommodates up to a 150 hp tractor with snowblower or other accessory.

Other ways in which the Model BP-25 design simplifies round bale handling and processing include direct drive by a 21-spline, 1,000 rpm PTO for minimal maintenance and increased reliability. The direct drive eliminates gearboxes, chains, and belts.

For bale loading ease, the operator can tilt the 49-inch deep, 87-inch diameter tub to the ground, back up to the bale, and simply tilt the bale and tub back into operating position. Its hydraulic tilt reaches 90 degrees. Thirteen inches of ground clearance allows the processor to oper-

ate in most conditions. Traction tread flotation tires provide footing on soft ground.

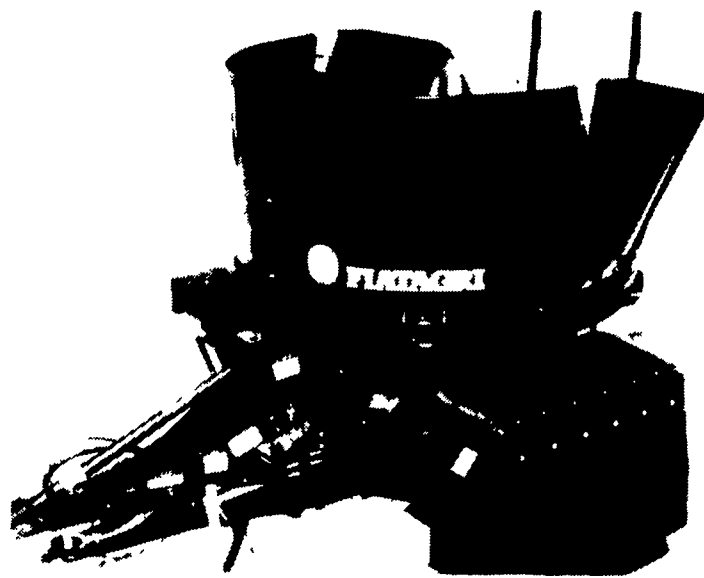
A self-cleaning rotor design allows easy clearing of infrequent clogs by raising the tub off the rotor.

A breakaway discharge deflector assembly eliminates costly downtime as well as repair costs. It also allows the operator to pay greater attention to livestock while feeding.

The rotating tub design assures uniform feeding. The weight of the bale forcing the crop down onto the rotor with 14 fixed, reversible hammers gives even crop feeding without "fighting" the weight of the bale.

Overall size allows the Model BP-25 to operate in relatively small lots, alleyways, and stack yards. Many stockmen enjoy the bale processor's flexibility in going between bunks and range feeding. The Model BP-25 comes equipped with a discharge chute.

Extra and optional equipment includes a primary conveyor for bunks up to 32 inches wide, a conveyor extension for bunks up to 60



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inches wide, secondary cutting element for finer cut, and Flo Control for tractors not equipped with flow control at their auxiliary valve outlet.

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