

Used Farm Equipment Saves Money

ITHACA, N.Y.— Buying used farm equipment can save money and result in a dependable long-lasting line of machinery for any operator.

"Used Farm Equipment: Assessing Quality, Safety, and Economics" (NRAES-25) teaches the potential purchaser how to inspect the machinery for the reliability of its components and

the quality of its safety features, and how to estimate the economic soundness of the proposed acquisition.

This manual, written by a cooperative extension agricultural engineer, a farm safety specialist, and an area farm management agent, offers guidelines to evaluate the machinery's mechanical condition by looking for clues to

past complications, upkeep, and operation. Several farm safety tips are highlighted in the booklet, which contains more than 80 detailed illustrations.

Before looking at any machinery, buyers must consider their specific needs in terms of the equipment's affordability, dependability, and compatibility. Used equipment can be purchased from

dealers, friends or neighbors, or at farm auctions, dispersal sales, or commercial auctions. But it is the responsibility of the buyer to judge the overall quality of the item for sale.

A quick visual inspection is an essential factor in detecting cover-ups -- it is an important step in looking for clues to possible problems with the equipment. "Used Farm Equipment" provides instructions on how to check for signs of improper repair jobs or machine maintenance. Included in the booklet are detailed sections on assessing the condition of welds, lubricants, hydraulic systems, and power transmission

components, including chains and sprockets, gearboxes and chain-cases, sheaves and belts, augers, and belt drives.

Tractors receive special consideration in this informative publication. Tractor design and safety, coolant systems, brakes and clutches, power steering, power take-off (PTO) guards, roll-over protective structures (ROPS), and other engine specifications are carefully described so buyers can choose the used tractor that is best for their operations and safest for the users of the vehicle.

To order, contact NRAES, 152 Riley-Robb Hill, Ithaca, NY 14853, (607) 255-7654.

Cattlemen's Association Plans Spring Sale

CATSKILL, N.Y. — The eastern division of the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association recently held their first meeting of the year to discuss their spring sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 27, at Frank Walker's Livestock Market, Route 30A, Central Bridge, N.Y.

Entry forms and sales regulations have been mailed to all mem-

bers, and entries will be accepted from those interested in consigning beef cattle.

For more information, contact Malcolm Wilber, RD#2, Delanson, NY 12053, (518) 895-2367 or Claire Barra, RD#1, Box 155, Catskill, NY 12414, (518) 678-9934.

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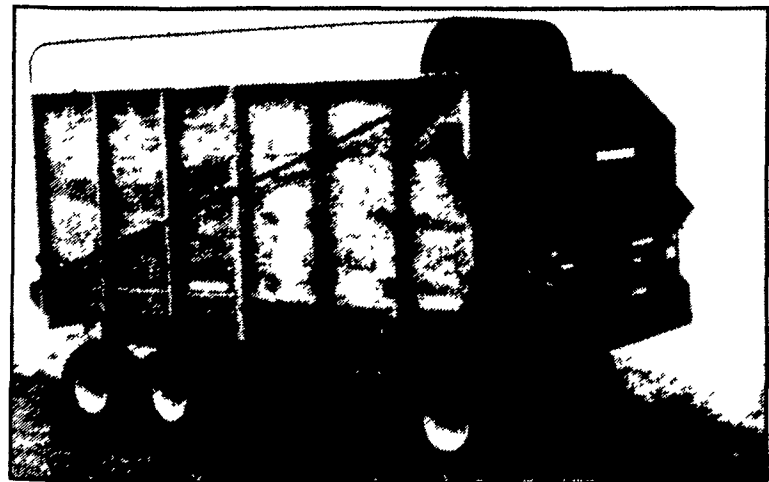
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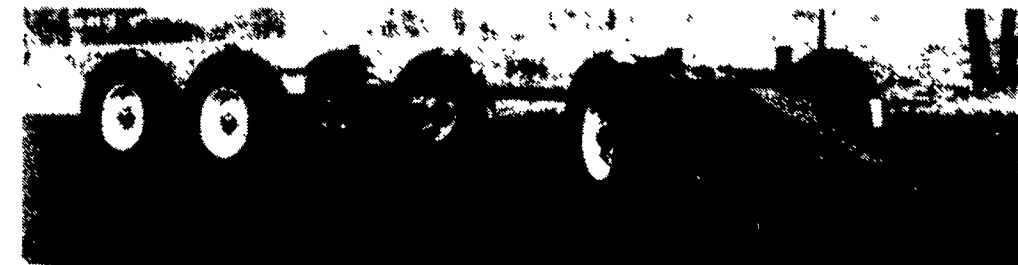
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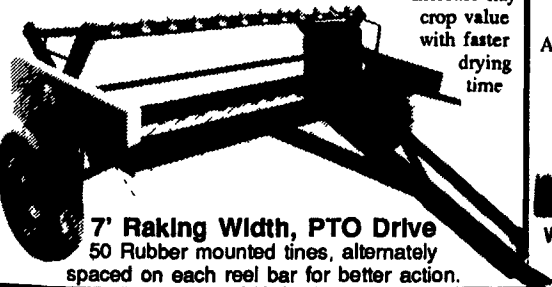
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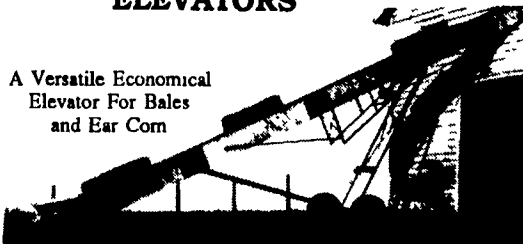
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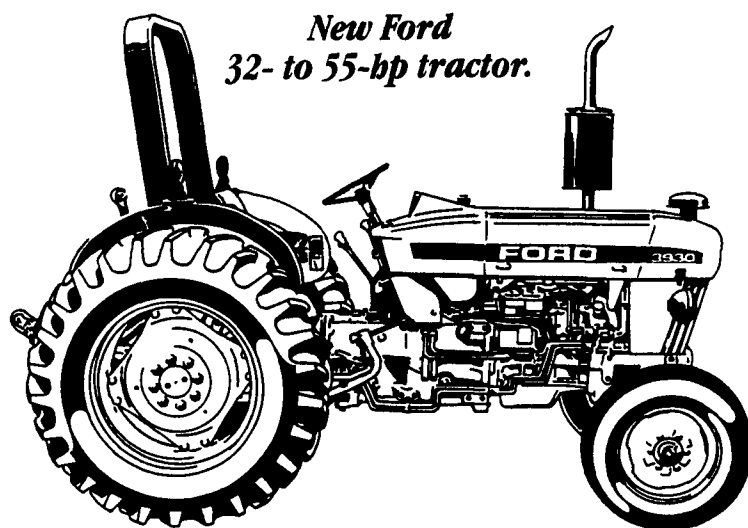
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