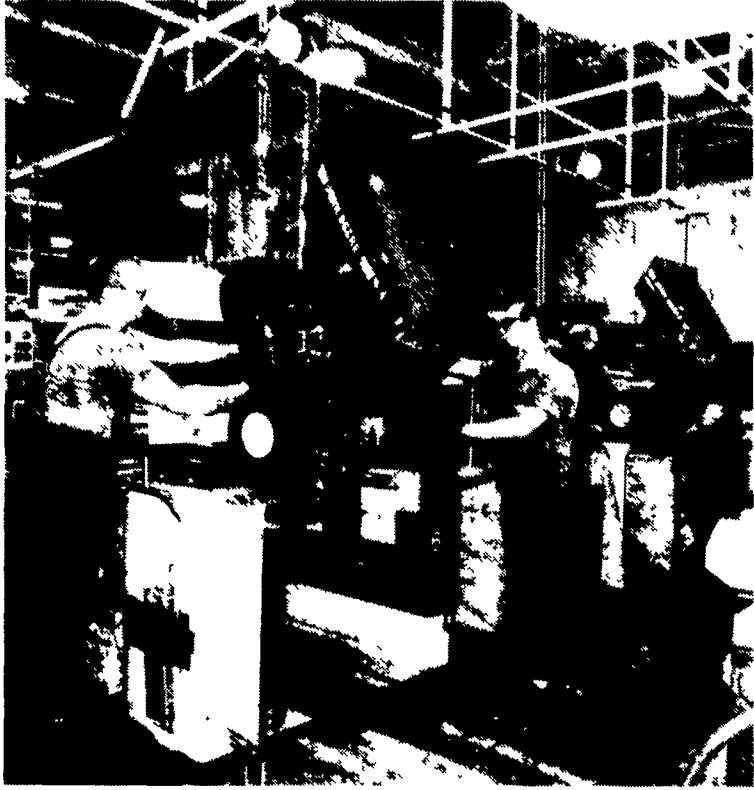


Business News



John Deere builds two millionth lawn tractor in Horicon, Wis., plant on February 25, 1992, 29 years after starting production of homeowner mowing machines in 1963. It took 14 years to reach the half-million milestone, only seven years to pass the one million mark, and less than eight years to reach the two million mark.

Deere Builds Two Millionth Lawn Tractor

MOLINE, Ill. — John Deere completed work on the company's two millionth lawn and grounds care tractor in February at its manufacturing plant in Horicon, Wis.

The two millionth tractor off the production line is a 17-hp model LX188 lawn tractor.

Production of lawn and garden tractors began at Horicon in 1963 when John Deere built 1,000 units. The first tractor was a model 110 on display at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

Fourteen years later the company reached the half-million milestone on January 12, 1977, and only seven years later it reached the one million mark when a model 318 lawn and garden tractor

rolled off the assembly line on May 1, 1984. It took less than eight years to pass the two million mark.

"During the 1960s and 1970s, John Deere built a reputation for reliability and good performance with more than a million homeowners," said Ray Gregg, Jr., general manager of the Horicon Works. "In the 1980s, we extended that reputation into wide-area commercial mowers and products for golf courses and athletic fields. Now John Deere is not only the world's largest manufacturer of lawn and garden tractors, but also provides the broadest line of lawn and grounds care equipment."

Mercner Receives President's Award

SHOEMAKERSVILLE (Berks Co.) — Carol M. Mercner, director of member and public relations with Keystone Farm Credit, ACA, has received the 1991 President's Award from the Farm Credit Bank of Baltimore. Glenn L. Stevens, executive vice president of the Baltimore Bank, presented the award.

Mercner was recognized for her service to the Pennsylvania Farm Credit Marketing Committee, on which she has served for many years as secretary/treasurer and is a past chairman.

One representative from each of the four Pennsylvania Farm Credit ACAs constitutes the Committee, which coordinates the public relations and advertising activities on behalf of Farm Credit in the commonwealth.

Mercner is president of the Pennsylvania Council of Coopera-



Carol M. Mercner

tives (PCC), serves as secretary to the Baltimore Farm Credit district's Advertising and Public



Ford New Holland Product Manager Joe Weicksel points out the function of the double bevel-gear swivel-hitch drive for disc mower-conditioners. Operators can cut tightest corners with the new drive. Universal joints are eliminated completely. Power is transmitted without interruption or chatter at any tongue angle.

Mower-Conditioner Drive Cuts Corners

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Three New Holland Discbine® mower-conditioners from Ford New Holland are available with new swivel-hitch driveline.

"Swivel-hitch has the advantage of allowing extremely tight corners," said Ford New Holland Product Manager Joe Weicksel. "This is an advantage in any field, but it is especially beneficial in irregular fields. The driver can

save time at every corner without leaving uncut skippers."

The Ford New Holland swivel-hitch attaches to the tractor 3-point linkage. A PTO shaft attaches the tractor PTO directly to a right-angle bevel-gear drive.

The output shaft drives a second gear box immediately above the first. Power is transmitted directly to the machine without

interruption or chattering regardless of the angle of the implement tongue and tractor drawbar.

The optional swivel-hitch driveline is factory shipped as 540 RPM on Models 411 and 412 Discbine mower-conditioners. Both are easily changed to 1,000 RPM drive. Swivel hitch for the "415" is factory supplied as a 1,000 RPM drive.

Tillage Booklet Provides Host Of Information

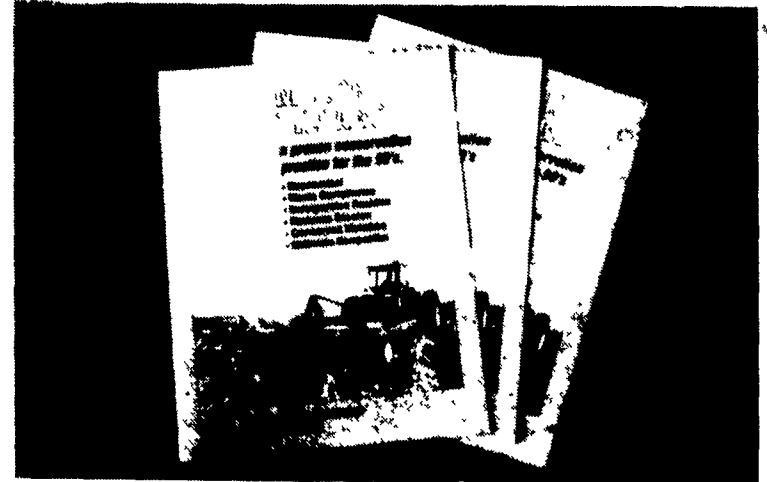
EXCELSIOR, Minn. — Farmers interested in having a customized residue management plan produced for their farm can have it done on a residue management (RESMAN) computer software program at Glencoe Tillage Equipment Dealers.

The dealership will enter information such as weather, current and potential tillage practices, and cropping data into the software program. The program will then provide expected results for residue coverage with various tillage practices. Farmers can use this information to design a specialized residue management plan that meets compliance requirements for their farm.

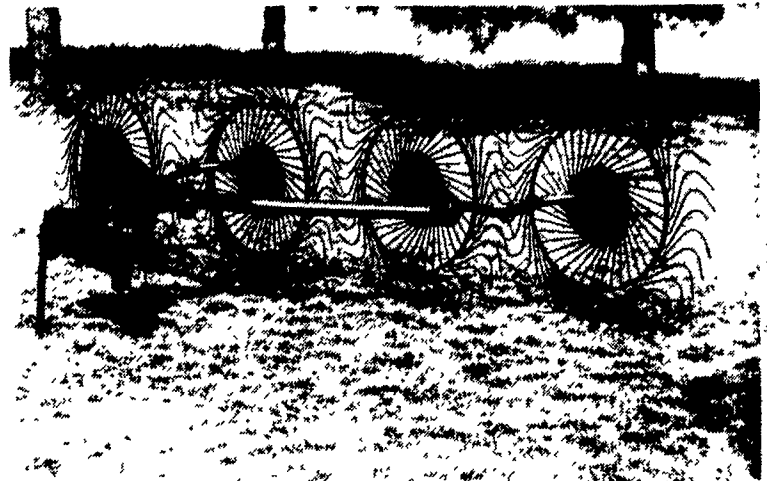
Farmers will also receive a free 12-page brochure describing the benefits of a mulch tillage program. The brochure compares mulch tillage to no-till and other practices and provides a worksheet for tallying input costs.

For more information, contact Farmhand, Inc., P.O. Box 1500, Excelsior, MN 55331, (612) 474-1941.

Relations Committee, and is past director and chairman of the Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H (the 4-H Foundation in Pennsylvania). Additionally, she serves on the Chester County Cooperative Extension board of directors and is a Chester County representative to the southeast region's Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative Extension Associations (PCCEA).



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GIBSON CITY, Ill. — M&W Gear Company announces the addition of a new series of wheel rakes to the M&W hay product line. The series includes 4 and 5 wheel 3-point mounted, 3-point V-style, 7 and 9 wheel pull-type, and pull-type V-style models.

A pull-type rake carrier allows single rake models to be combined for use as a V-rake. Adjustments and reconfiguration can be made in minutes using no hand tools.

All models fold to a narrow transport width in minutes. For more information, contact M&W Gear Company, 1020 South Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City, IL 60936.