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It Takes A Sunflower Ripper To Take This Type Of Punishiment, So Buy Heavy Duty Tillage, Buy Sunflower And A New Case IH Magnum Tractor From Binkley & Hurst For Outstanding Performance



This series of photos shows a deep-tillage device called a V-ripper as it digs 15-inches into the soil to loosen the hard-packed soil. In hay for more than 25 years, the field was used for many years as a parking lot at Ag Progress. Over the years, during dry and wet conditions, cars and other equipment packed the soil, inherently full of rocks and clay, which help contribute to compaction. Also called a subsoiler, the V-ripper breaks up the lower layers of topsoil and the subsoil to allow for better plant root growth. The subsoiling demonstration was one of several tillage demonstrations that visitors could see at this year's Ag Progress Days.



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ANDY ANDREWS Lancaster Farming Staff ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) ---Once upon a time, they needed a place to put cars. So they used a hay field.

The hay field, you see, goes

back, way back, to a time before tons of cars and equipment were invited onto it, in conditions rainy and dry, to pack it down.

Its usefulness as a parking lot served well, but for growing crops, well, that was in question. It was

solid hardpan. Dusty and rocky. Nearly unfit for farming. Until a deep tiller, what tillage

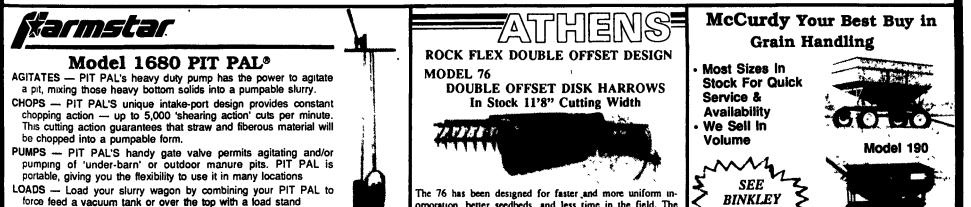
experts call a "V-ripper," arrived one day.

Despite the rocks, clay, hardpan, and dry, dry soil, the V-ripper

did its job, and dug down deep ---15 inches deep, to be exact. The subsoiler helped loosen and dislodge the compaction layer so harmful to good root growth and overall crop condition.

The photos here depict the "V-

ripper" at work during a special deep tillage demonstration on Tuesday afternoon at Ag Progress Days.



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