

# Turkeys Spur Fine Food Business

(Continued from Page B32) on the property. Then the couple sold the turkeys at two local markets.

In 1973, the couple ceased market sales and sold the turkeys and chickens in the building where the turkeys were dressed.

Dave also raised hogs. "But don't mention hogs to me," he said.

"He almost lost his shirt on them," Shirley explained. Although Dave wastes no love for hogs, turkeys are a different story.

The couple raised four sons, Dave, Phil, Mike, and Don, and when the sons no longer helped on the farm, the family stopped raising their own poultry but continued retail sales of it.

It wasn't until 1988, that Shirley began to make stuffed chicken breasts to sell.

People soon began asking for other entrees. Gradually, Shirley offered a few more of her home-cooked specialties until the business now has more than 70 items available.

Every item but one is freshly made on the premises. That one is hamloaf, purchased from a local meat market. No preservatives,

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Shirley enjoys greeting customers and developing new recipes. In the background is the store that at one time was used to dress the homegrown turkeys.

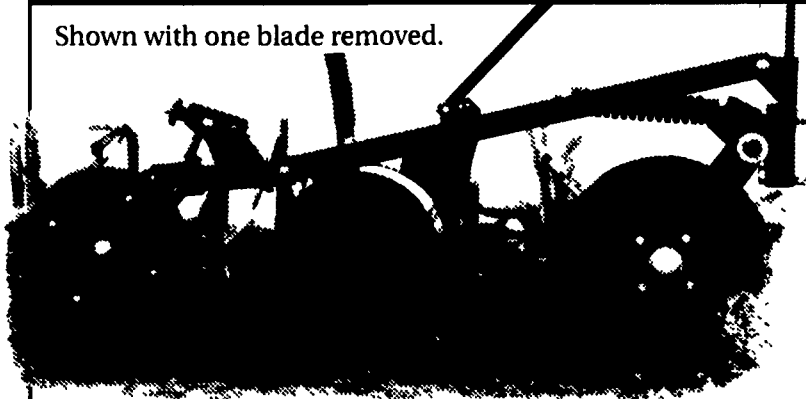


"Customers don't know me," said Dave who prefers the behind-the-scenes jobs of preparing top quality food.

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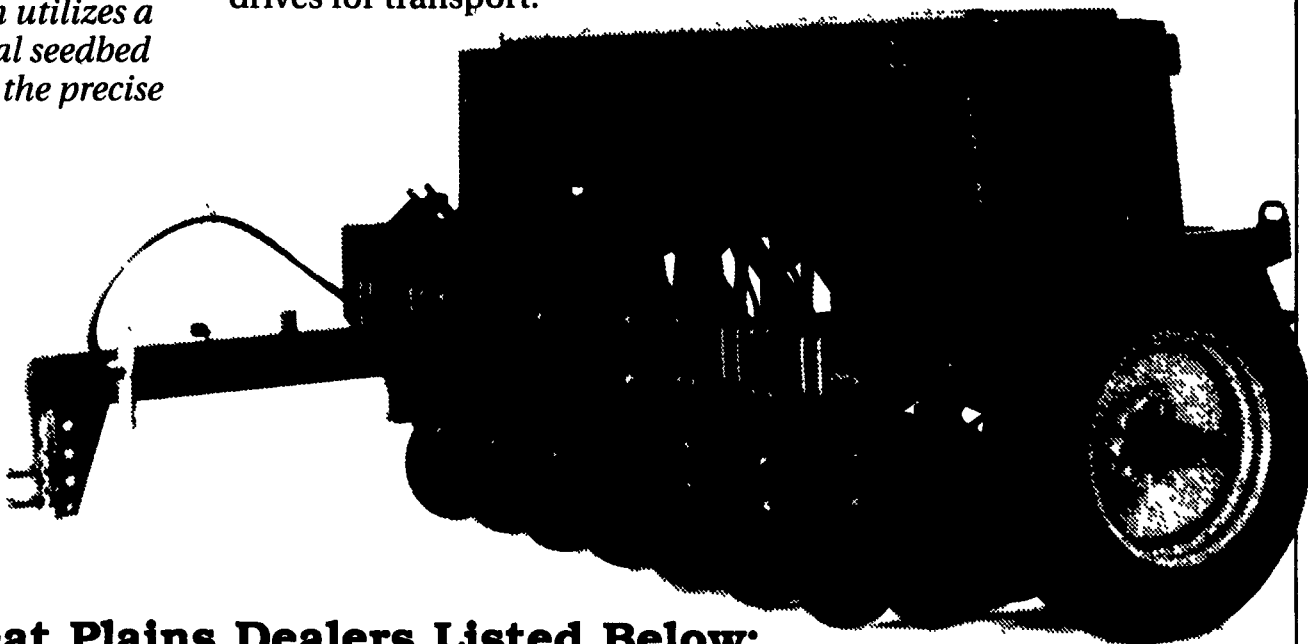
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