



Conventional Combine Is Made in America

ATLANTA, Ga. — The last Massey Ferguson® conventional combines manufactured in North America were the MF 850 and MF 860 models. Many are still in use today by U.S. and Canadian farmers who value their reliability and crop-saving performance.

For the past eight years Massey Ferguson has marketed conventional combines built by a European manufacturer to MF® specifications. During this period farmers had requested Massey Ferguson to once again build quality conventional combines in North America to meet their needs.

In response to customer and dealer requests, Massey Ferguson is introducing the new MF 8680 Conventional Combine, a large Class VI machine designed by company engineers and built at a company plant in the U.S.

Tom Draper, Massey Ferguson product marketing manager, summarizing the capability of the new machine, said, "The new MF 8680 incorporates new productive features and technology that will make Massey Ferguson a leader in combine technology as we approach the 21st century."

The MF 8680 is powered by a new Cummins "C" Series 8.3 liter diesel engine, rated at 260 hp at 2200 rpm, and features a Power Bulge to 275 hp at 2000 rpm to maintain combine performance in tough harvesting conditions and when unloading on-the-go.

Seedway Announces Contest Winners

HALL, N.Y. — Seedway has announced the winners of its 1998 yield contest.

Several winners were selected from entrants across the Northeast, competing for free seed in categories for highest corn and soybean yields.

Winning entries for Roundup Ready soybean varieties will also receive, from Monsanto, enough Roundup Ultra herbicide to cover the acres planted to the seed won in the contest.

Winning participants from central and eastern Pennsylvania include Allen Herr



Massey Ferguson's new MF 8680 Class VI Conventional Combine, built at the company's Independence, Mo. plant, incorporates many new productive features including a roomy centerline cab, large diameter cylinder, 300-bushel grain tank, 260 hp Cummins diesel engine, and a complete line of headers.

The 4-speed constant-mesh transmission and hydrostatic drive provide the perfect combination of ground speed, power and capacity -- whether harvesting small grain, corn, or soybeans. Productive field speeds and fast transport speeds are available to maintain harvesting efficiency and reduce transport time.

Heavy duty final drives and wide axle wheel tread settings from 120 to 145 inches. Factory option dual wheels take the tread-setting up to 180 inches on the outer dual wheel.

The MF 8680 Combine cab is center-mounted for maximum comfort and visibility. Entry is easy, it's spacious and quiet, and there's even a wide passenger seat. The air conditioning and heating systems maintain a comfortable cab environment in all weather conditions.

of Millersville for Asgrow A3704 soybeans at 57.1 bushels per acre, George Scott of Bellefonte and Richard Liberman of Pen Argyl for Asgrow AG3001 at 65.6 bushels per acre and 63.1 bushels per acre respectively, and David Koch of Tamaqua for Asgrow A3244 at 55.4 bushels per acre.

Winners from eastern OH include David Graham of Wooster for Asgrow AG3001 soybeans at 70.3 bushel per acre and, in corn, Ellis Erb of Hartsville for Asgrow RX601 at 204.1 bushel per acre.

Old Guard Insurance Announces Two Appointments

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Old Guard Insurance recently announced two appointments.

• Gregory R. Kirkham has been appointed market specialist. His responsibilities include exploring agribusiness markets and assisting in efforts to increase agribusiness production with Old Guard.

Kirkham received his bachelor's degree in insurance and real estate from Penn State University. He previously held the position of farm underwriting department manager.

• Denise E. Mineo has been appointed manager of the customer service department. She is responsible for establishing professional relationships with

BRILLION, Wis. — Brillion Iron Works, Inc., a manufacturer of soil preparation and seeding equipment, offers growers a tillage tool designed for maximum efficiency in an extensive range of field conditions.

Modeled after feedback direct from growers, Brillion's new Landcommander II cuts through the heaviest of residues, yet leaves fields level for planting, making it the most versatile, one-pass conservation tillage tool available in the market.

"The Landcommander II was essentially designed by growers to meet a wide variety of conservation tillage requirements," said Tim Geary, marketing services manager for Brillion Iron Works. "We listened to their needs and re-engineered the original Landcommander from the ground up, creating the Landcommander II — an all-around workhorse that provides the versatility to adapt to nearly all types of field conditions for maximum productivity."

With an innovative shank design that improves pulling



The Brillion Landcommander II is a one-pass tillage tool that provides maximum versatility. With less horsepower required per shank, the Landcommander II provides unmatched time savings and fuel efficiency. Easily adjustable disk cutting angles and a 39-inch shank underframe clearance gives operators added flexibility to cut through all types of residues without plugging or bogging down.

efficiency, the Landcommander II requires less horsepower per shank than other deep tillage tools, resulting in more acres of prepared soil per hour. Spring or fall, the Landcommander II provides versatile options with a one-pass system for thorough field preparation.

The Landcommander II's

time-saving and residue management features include a longer drawbar for shorter turns, a longer frame for better trash flow, and heavy-duty, two-piece scrapers for improved performance in wet field conditions.

Growers who need to complete a variety of soil preparation tasks within one field pass will appreciate the amount of tillage choices and adjustable features the Landcommander II offers. Adjustable disc gangs cut and mix residue. Auto-reset shanks, with a 20-inch trip height, break up compaction. Spring-cushioned rear disk gangs break clods, mix residue, and can be adjusted to either leave fields level, without ridges, or leave ridges for erosion control.

Simple and quick adjustable disk cutting angles of 10, 15, and 20 degrees allows growers to fine-tune the Landcommander II to a variety of tillage and residue requirements. Bury 20 percent or up to 80 percent of field residue — all with one machine.

Case Completes Acquisition

RACINE, Wis. — Case Corporation has finalized the purchase of DMI, Inc., Goodfield, Ill., a manufacturer of soil management equipment. The acquisition represents a valuable addition to the Case lineup of products and services designed to help growers reduce costs and increase yields.

The real key to increasing on-farm profitability is using an integrated crop production system based on sound agronomic principles, said Ed Sechrest, ag systems marketing director, Case Corporation. DMI's "Helping Plants Thrive™ yield-till® system uses a science-based approach to maximizing yields.

"DMI is known worldwide as an expert on the 'soil-plant factory,'" said Sechrest. "Matching that expertise with the assistance of our Case IH Advanced Farming Systems (AFS) services group heightens Case's stature as a world-class provider of the resources that growers need to maximize their profit potential."

As the result of extensive field testing, DMI has the knowledge to help growers develop the best combination of tillage equipment to eliminate soil compaction and improve soil tilth. As Sechrest explained, creating an optimum plant environment is critical to maximizing yields.

"The ability of a soil to support plants with nutrients is critical throughout the entire production cycle," he said. "If soil is not properly managed early in the growing season, there is no way to make up for the resulting loss in yield potential."

customers, responding to inquiries, and coordinating department activities.

Mineo joined Old Guard in 1981 and was most recently manager of the office support services department. She received her business management certificate from Penn State University.



Representative of the Case DMI line, the Case IH 527B primary tillage tool carries the signature Case IH red color and logo as well as the DMI logo. Non-Case IH dealers carrying Case DMI products will continue to market implements in the traditional DMI color, in accordance with Case IH branding policy.

The DMI philosophy, "Helping Plants Thrive," involves understanding and managing the soil environment for optimum agronomic returns. The company's yield-till system is an example of practical technology designed to optimize soil conditions for greater yields and profit per acre.

"DMI's innovative residue-

management implements and soil-management expertise complement our integrated AFS products," Sechrest said.

"For years our AFS customers have been using yield maps to identify yield losses within their fields. Now, with a full range of implements from DMI designed to manage residue, reduce soil compaction, band fertilizer in the root zone and optimize seedbed conditions, we're able to help our customers correct those areas and realize greater yields and profits."

The intent to acquire DMI was announced by Case on Sept. 28, 1998. The acquisition now has been approved, and branding and distribution policies have been finalized.

According to Sechrest, Case DMI products will be sold through both Case IH dealers and other dealerships that previously carried the DMI line. Products sold through the Case IH dealer network will be in the Case IH color and brand and also will carry the DMI shield and "Helping Plants Thrive."

Woods Offers Reliable, Easy Maintenance Chipper/Shredders

ROCKFORD, Ill. — From Woods Equipment Company, the Model 5000 Chipper/Shredder and the Model 8000 and 8100 chipper are ideal for landscape companies, municipalities, park and recreation departments and farming applications.

Model 5000 is a combination chipper/shredder designed to reduce solid material and debris into useable mulch. Its four tool steel chipping blades chip debris up to 5 inch in diameter, while 36 self-sharpening, free-swiveling reversible shredding knives shred debris up to 1 inch in diameter. The Model 5000 is PTO driven with horsepower ranging between 12 to 30 and has a three point hitch for use with compact tractors.

The Model 8000 and 8100 are medium duty chippers. Their

four reversible tool steel blades chip debris up to 8 inches in diameter and their 360° discharge tube rotation allows chip discharge to be directed for maximum safety and convenience. Like the 5000, the 8000 series is PTO driven with a horsepower ranging from 25 to 50 and also has a three point hitch for use with compact tractors.

The units are designed for easy maintenance. "The most common maintenance needs for chippers or shredders are sharpening or replacing the blades, which can be frustrating and time consuming," said Tom Benjamin, product manager, Woods Equipment Co. "That is why we designed our chippers/shredders with easy to remove blades to save users valuable time."