



**Generators In Stock** 

## **PROPER ADJUSTMENTS OF HAY CONDITIONS REDUCES DRYING TIME**

Hay producers in Pennsylvania list unpredictable weather as the number one reason for not being able to make quality hay. However, the amount of time that hay lays in the field and is exposed to rain can be shortened without additional cost to the farmer.

Before farmers go to the hay field with their mower-conditioner, they should spend a few minutes adjusting it. Many conditioners have not been adjusted since they were bought and this could be costing the farmer thousnds of dollars per year in hay quality and production.



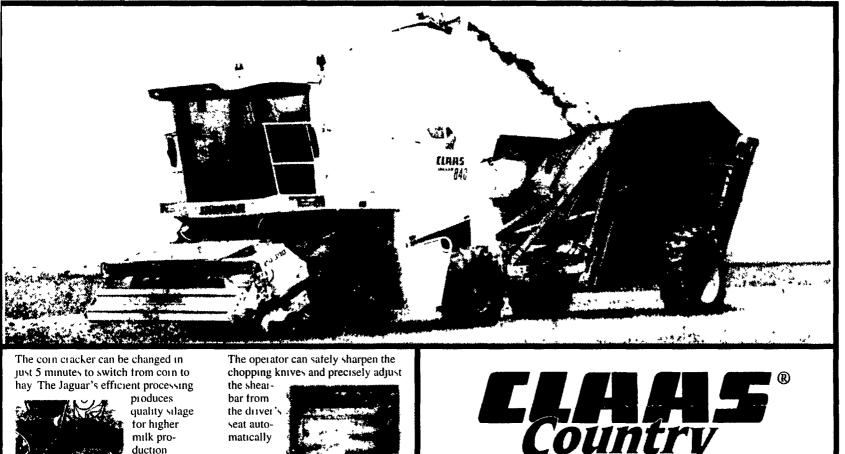
The conditioner crushes or crimps the stem of alfalfa and speeds up drying. Properly adjusted conditioners can cut drying time in half!

Quicker drying reduces the risk of the mowed hay being rained on, synchronizes the drying of leaves and stems which can reduce leaf shatter, and allows for quicker regrowth of the crop because the hay will not be lying on the stubble for so long.

All of these advantages can result in higher quality hay and improved yields which is equivalent to dollars in the bank.

When properly adjusted, the conditioner should crimp the stem every 3 to 4 inches. The two basic adjustments that affect the extent of crimping are the space between the crimping rolls and the pressure on each roll. The rolls should be adjusted to be as close as possible to each other without touching. Used rolls may not be perfectly round so they will need to be adjusted at the fattest part of the rolls.

The correct amount of pressure on the rolls is not as easily determined as is the space between rolls. Enough pressure should be applied to adequately crimp the stems and not damage the leaves. Damaged leaves are more prone to leaf shatter than leaves that are not damaged. Damaged leaves can be identified because they will turn dark green or black after crimping. There should be less than 5 percent damaged leaves with properly adjusted conditioners. The frequency that conditioners will need to be adjusted depends on the extent of use and the amount of soil or sand particles that are run through the conditioner. Soil and sand will cause the rolls to wear faster and cause more frequent adjustment.







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Service is no beastly chore because compartment covers quickly swing open to provide easy access to the engine and cooling system

The Beast's efficient cutting system has a full width metal detector, 30" wide chevron cutting drum and full width 8-blade accelerator.



The Jaguar's unique topto-back cooling system with rotary air screen assures excellent clean cooling

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