



Tiller Attachment For Skid-Steer Loaders

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Model SS725 Preseeder tiller attachment for skid steer loaders gives contractors the ability to turn a rough grade into a finished seedbed.

The 72-inch wide rotor tills, levels, and rakes in one operation.

The rotor teeth are mounted in a helical pattern for smooth operation and a uniform seedbed depth, providing a superior seedbed.

The attachment can be used while driving in forward or reverse. The finished seedbed virtually eliminates all the expensive hand work. This translates into huge labor savings.

The Preseeder tiller attachment is easy to use. Working depth and rotor angle can be adjusted from the seat during operation. The rotor can be hydraulically angled left, right,



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or straight.

The hydraulic motor mounts directly on the rotor, eliminating the maintenance problems of sprockets, chain, and an oil bath. Model SS725 is for skid steer loaders with 13-18 gpm auxiliary hydraulic flow.

Great Plains' Five-Foot Drill Is Convenient, Field-Proven

SALINA, Kan. — Great Plains has expanded its line of small-acreage drills with the introduction of the 3P500.

This five-foot, three-point drill has many of the same key components as its larger cousins, making it perfect for those who need a highly dependable, low-maintenance drill for seeding in and around tight spaces.

The 3P500 is three-point mounted and outfitted with 00 series, straight-arm openers for seeding in conventional and min-tilled ground. Seeding is ground driven and can be adjusted easily through the speed change gearbox. Seeding depth can be quickly and precisely

changed with an 18-position T-handle on each opener. This is the same opener and gearbox used on Great Plains' popular 12-, 15- and 20-foot three-point drills.

Whether farming small acreage, establishing wildlife habitat, or seeding grasses in a vineyard or orchard, operators will be using the same proven technology that has successfully seeded millions of acres each year. The 3P500 compliments the six-foot versions of the drill released by Great Plains in 1999.

Row spacing on the 3P500 is 6- or 7½-inches. An optional small-seeds attachment is available.

Sitz Angus Donates Pick Of Calf Crop To Foundation Sale

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Sitz Angus, Dillion, Mont., has donated the pick of their 2000 heifer calf crop to highlight the 2001 Angus Foundation heifer package.

The heifer package will sell at the 2001 National Western Stock Show, and proceeds from the sale of the package go directly to the Angus Foundation, which supports youth, education, and research.

The sale of the package will kick off the 2001 National Western Angus Bull Sale, Thursday, Jan. 11, at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo. The package will sell at 2 p.m. in the Beef Palace Auction Arena.

"We are very excited to offer bidders the opportunity to pick a heifer calf from the Sitz herd," said James Fisher, director of junior activities for the American Angus Association. "The generosity of the Sitz family,

along with the breeders who pull together to make this sale a success, is greatly appreciated, and allows for a substantial contribution to the Angus Foundation each year."

In addition to the heifer, the buyer receives 30 days of free insurance from American Live Stock Insurance Co., Geneva, Ill.; free transportation to the buyer's farm or ranch, provided by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.; a flush and three embryo implants into the buyer's recipients from Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa; and Ivomec provided by Merial.

For more information on the Angus Foundation heifer package, contact the American Angus Association's junior activities department at (816) 383-5100, any association regional manager, or visit the association's website at www.angus.org.

DuPont, ASA Team Up To Promote Excellence, Leadership Within Soybean Industry

SAINT LOUIS Mo. — The American Soybean Association (ASA) and DuPont Crop Protection are seeking nominees for the 2001 ASA/DuPont Young Leader program.

The Young Leader Program is recognized throughout the soybean industry for its longstanding tradition of identifying and cultivating excellent leaders who now play an integral role in the promotion of agriculture and the success of the soybean industry in the 21st Century.

The ASA/DuPont Young Leader Program targets soybean farmers who are innovative, assertive, "young in leadership," and looking to make their mark in agriculture.

Now in its 18th year, the program has a tremendous record of success. Hundreds of program alumni have assumed significant leadership responsibilities in state and national soybean association and promotion boards as well as national, regional, and state agricultural organizations, including Farm Bureau, NCGA, and more.

"Changes in agriculture are happening at such a rapid rate that farming today is different

than just a year ago," said Tony Anderson, president of ASA. "While soybean producers face many challenges, they also have tremendous opportunity to contribute to the global economy. If we are to continue to be successful, we must seek out and nurture new leadership that will help guide agriculture into the new millennium. The ASA/DuPont Young Leader Program makes it possible for us to find the exceptional leaders who will work hard to keep our industry strong."

According to Rob Dittmer, ag relations manager, DuPont crop protection, "DuPont believes that agriculture needs strong, informed leadership at every level; locally, statewide, and nationally. This program helps identify farmers that go on to leadership positions in state and national trade associations. We are proud of the ASA/DuPont young leader tradition and are excited to once again be involved with the program."

The 2001 class of the ASA-DuPont young leaders and their spouses will participate in a challenging and educational leadership experience Feb. 21-

24, in San Antonio, Texas. This four-day seminar will include leadership and issues training, and provide an opportunity for participants to meet and learn from other young leaders from around the country.

The class will also take part in the Commodity Classic, Feb 25-28, which will round out a full week of learning, networking, and personal growth. In late November 2001, participants will travel to St. Louis, Mo., to complete their training.

Nomination forms for the 2001 ASA-DuPont Young Leader Program are being mailed to all ASA members, and can also be requested by calling (800) 688-7692. Soybean producers are encouraged to apply or nominate another producer who would be an excellent candidate for the program. Nominations should be returned to ASA by Friday, Oct. 27, at which time they will be forwarded to the appropriate state soybean association. Each nominee will be asked to complete a one-page application form. One young leader will be selected from each of ASA's state affiliates.

Bunt Legislation Removes Cap On Farmland Preservation Easements

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Legislation that eliminates the cap on the amount of state money counties can spend to preserve farmland could enhance preservation efforts in Montgomery County and other counties in the southeast, according to Rep. Raymond Bunt Jr. (R-147), sponsor.

The bill, which was approved by the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and now goes to the House floor for a vote on final passage, eliminates the cap of \$10,000 per acre on the use of state farmland preservation money.

"With the high cost of land in Montgomery County and other

counties in the eastern part of the state, the \$10,000 cap really ties the hands of local preservation programs," Bunt said.

"In fact, a lot of important farmland is facing development pressure simply because the value of the land exceeds the per-acre cap, preventing it from being preserved through a perpetual easement. My legislation repeals the cap and provides counties with more flexibility."

Under the state's farmland preservation program, counties can use state and local funds to purchase easements to protect valuable farmland from development.

Each participating county re-

ceives a state allocation, and of those funds, up to \$10,000 per acre can be used to preserve land. Any amount over the cap must be paid for with county funds.

State money is provided by 2 cents per pack of the cigarette tax, \$20 million a year for five years from the Growing Greener initiative, and supplemental funding from the state budget.

Bunt stressed that the ability to spend more money per acre would not affect the amount of state funding Montgomery County or any other county would receive for farmland preservation.

Pioneer Hi-Bred Internet Site Brings Forage Buyers/Sellers Together

DES MOINES, Iowa — From drought conditions in the West and Southeast to excessive rainfall and long planting delays in the East, adverse weather conditions may lead to a serious shortage of feedstuffs for many livestock producers.

To help bring buyers and sellers of hay and forages together across North America, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., has designed a new electronic bulletin board.

The Emergency Forage Connection bulletin board — located on the Internet at www.pioneer.com/flash — offers both livestock and grain producers a free and easy way to communicate with one another during this critical time.

"The unusually wet weather in New York and New England this past spring and early summer had a significant impact on corn planting," said Kurt Ruppel, dairy production specialist with Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. "Now we're concerned that a hard frost will occur before the late-planted corn matures, which will reduce yields and the nutrient value of this year's crop."

Growing conditions in the southern Plains were just the opposite. "It's been extremely hot

and dry, especially during August," said Brad Lance, Pioneer technical information manager for the company's Southern Plains Sales Area. "Livestock producers are likely to see a real shortfall in hay supplies."

Growers visiting the Web site can easily retrieve information about for-sale items or forages in need. They can submit their own free advertisements by completing a short form. A self-chosen password is required to complete, edit, or delete all ads. The site also offers helpful crop management information by Pioneer

forage, beef and dairy specialists, as well as links to other pertinent forage sites.

"Livestock producers in many areas may desperately need quality silage and hay in the coming year for their livestock," said Ruppel. "We hope by offering this service that we can get grain and alfalfa farmers together with livestock producers so everyone benefits."

If you have questions about the Emergency Forage Connection bulletin board, contact your local provider of Pioneer products.

Aluminum Brochure Provides Unique Welding Solutions

APPLETON, Wis. — An aluminum welding brochure from Miller Electric Manufacturing Company, details the challenges and solutions to welding the lightweight but durable metal.

The 10-page, full color brochure provides customer testimonials and specifications for Miller's most appropriate welding and plasma cutting products used in light, medium, and heavy duty, automated and high tech aluminum welding applica-

tions. Headquartered in Appleton, Wis., Miller Electric is a leading worldwide manufacturer of arc welding equipment and related systems for metal working, construction, maintenance, and other applications. Miller Electric Manufacturing Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW), Glenview, Ill. ITW is a diversified multinational manufacturer of highly-engineered components, assemblies and systems.