

## Big Collection Of Deeres Still Works On The Farm

Don Dufner, Buxton, North Dakota, likes to use the right tractor for the job. That's the first reason he has so many tractors. Of course, the second reason is that he likes to collect them.

"I use many of the tractors in my collection to farm with," he says. "Last year, I used 30 or so of them." His newest tractor is a 1974 model 7520 that he repowered with a 6-cylinder diesel. It's one of his field tractors. The oldest is a 1914 Waterloo Boy, which is fired up only on special occasions.

"I always try to use a tractor that will be loaded about 95 percent so it's not overtaxed, but not running at half throttle or less," he says.

In addition to tractors, Dufner has one of the biggest collections of self-propelled Deere combines anywhere and he also uses them. He has a couple of 106 models, one with a platform head, and one with a two-row corn head, that he used last fall for harvest. He also has a couple of 55's with soy-

bean heads on them. And the collection also includes a model 96 pull-type he bought new and then used for a number of years.

While his collection includes a lot of working tractors, he has some that get used less than others.

"I have the first 820 and the first model 50 the company made," he says. "And I have the last potato tractor they made."

Dufner says his collection started in the mid-1950's when, after graduating from high school, he bought an old Deere B for \$35. "Everything that could have been wrong with it was, and I had to completely overhaul it. After I rebuilt it, I hired a guy to run it on the farm. We farmed with it for several years," he says.

Dufner is known for putting tractors together to make four- and six-wheel drive power units. His first attempt was three Deere B's. He made the pages of FARM SHOW several years ago when he put three 830 gasoline tractors together to make one 6-wheel



Dufner keeps his collection of tractors in great condition and still uses many of them around his farm.

drive. He's now using a dual tractor he made by putting an 830 together with a 7520.

Dufner won't say how many machines are in his collection, but notes that he's still adding to it when he has the time. "I enjoy the work of restoring the tractors, but I'm too busy farming to spend a lot of time trading," he says. "Of the ones I use, I keep them tuned up and in good shape, but they're not quite as nice as the ones that don't get used."

Everything is shedded, whether it's worth a lot or only a little. "I do all my own repair and maintenance, and I don't like fixing or

repainting because of carelessness," he says.

Besides looking for additions to his collection, Dufner occasionally has tractors for sale. And he has a good supply of new and used parts for Deere tractors and combines. "I'd go to a dealer to buy a part and end up buying his inventory, just in case I needed another one," he says. "Now I have quite a collection of parts for sale."

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Lang's puller removes trees without leaving holes like a dozer or stumps like a tree cutter.

## Loader-Mounted "Tree Puller"

To get rid of trees, most people either cut them down or bulldoze them away. Either way, you have a big cleanup job afterward. This new loader-mounted tree puller pulls the tree - roots and all - up out of the ground with minimum disturbance to the environment around it.

"The Claw", as it's called, quick-taches to any front-end loader and can handle trees up to 7 in. in diameter. It consists of a rectangular, heavy duty steel plate equipped with two sets of offset, semi-circular steel fingers operated by a pair of hydraulic cylinders. As the cylinders extend, the fingers mesh together in a scissors-like action to clamp most of the way around the tree. The operator uses the loader to rock the tree back and forth until the roots are loose. Then he raises the loader to pull the tree straight up out of the ground.

A curved steel plate mounted above the plate provides additional bracing and makes it easy to move the tree.

"It does a nice job and leaves the ground so level you can almost plow it," says engineer and designer Brian Lang, with Dralco Inc., Weatherford, Texas. "My dad, Dave, uses it with his Massey Ferguson 65 hp 4-WD tractor. So far we've made only one prototype, but we're considering going into production.

"Dad came up with the idea because he wanted to remove some trees from around his house without digging up a lot of ground and leaving a big hole like a bulldozer would



Tree is rocked back and forth to loosen the roots before it is pulled out.

do. It leaves a small hole, but nothing compared to a dozer. It works better than a tree cutter because it doesn't leave any stumps. To protect the driver, the tractor should be equipped with a canopy."

According to Lang, the Tree Claw works better in some conditions than others. "It's easier to pull a tree out of wet soil than dry soil, and it's easier to pull it out of sandy soil than clay soil. Trees that have a large, extensive root system will obviously be harder to pull out," he notes.

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## "Crit'R Call" Brings Coyotes Into Firing Range

"Business is booming because the coyote population has gotten so big," says Major Boddicker of LaPorte, Colo., about his Crit'R Call coyote call. "Hunters in other states are being allowed to hunt 3 or 4 deer apiece. But in Colorado and other states, coyotes have killed so many deer, in addition to sheep and other livestock, that there aren't enough to hunt. There's a long waiting list for deer hunting licenses."

The large coyote population, estimated to be around 500,000 animals, has also hurt wool growers. Environmental laws have left people troubled by coyotes with few options. "You can't use poison any more and snares and traps work but in too small numbers," says Boddicker. The most effective solution is to shoot the coyotes.

The Crit'R Call is made of plastic and nylon. "Unlike wood calls, it will never warp or degrade in sound quality," says Boddicker. It comes in four different models: Standard, PeeWee, Magnum, and Song Dog. They mimic the sounds of a wounded mouse, jack-rabbit, puppy or bleat of a sheep.

"If you're able to use a duck call you'll be able to use the Crit'R Call, but we also have great instructions and a video as well," says Boddicker, who has been making the Call since 1976. Professional hunters and trappers use it all over the world.

Crit'R Calls are distributed by Rocky Mountain Wildlife Products and sell for \$11 to \$20.

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Major Boddicker poses with the end result of using his Crit'R Call.



Because Boddicker's calls are made of plastic, they will never warp or degrade in sound quality.

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