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Lawn & Garden Tractor Salvage Yards

If you're restoring or repairing an older lawn or garden tractor, parts can be hard to find. Here are a few salvage yards and dealers who buy and sell parts as well as entire tractors. FARM SHOW recently spoke with them for an update on their businesses.

Patton Acres, run by Rich Patton, concentrates mainly on Cub Cadet and Deere tractors, but he also carries a lot of Massey Ferguson parts. Patton says he has hundreds of tractors, including Cub Cadets varying from original models to late 3000 series. Patton does business only on the internet. Parts listings can be found on eBay or requested by e-mail. Almost all orders receive next day service.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rich Patton, Patton Acres (pattonacres@msn.com; stores.ebay.com/patton-acres-tractor-salvage).

Ray's Lawn Mower Shop maintains 5 to 6 acres of lawn and garden tractors. Early 1950's and 1960's Bohlens and Wheel Horse partial units are still available. A wide variety of other tractors and parts are in stock.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ray's Lawn Mower Shop, 1436 West Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown, Penn. 19512 (ph 610 367-2078; rms1050@aol.com).

Sandy Lake Implement carries thousands of used parts as well as new parts. They specialize in older Simplicity/Allis Chalmers tractors going back to the 1960's.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Sandy Lake Implement, 3675 Sandy Lake Rd., Sandy Lake, Penn. 16145 (ph 724 376-2489; toll free 888 252-0656; www.sandylakeimp.com).

Harald's Small Engine, Inc. built its inventory by buying out lawn mower shops that went out of business. They have 3 1/2 acres of tractors and tractor parts, as well as new and used chainsaw parts, tillers, push mowers and other used equipment and small engines. Harald's specializes in Deere, Cub Cadet, Wheel Horse and Allis Chalmers tractors, but also carries Snappers, Murray, MTD, Sears and others.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Harald's Small Engine, Inc., 5214 Jasmine Road, Billings, Mo. 65610 (ph 417 743-2491; mowergal@mowisp.net; www.haraldonline.com).

Weaver's Equipment has more than 600 lawn and garden tractors in stock for parts or resale. Weaver's specializes in Morris, Simplicity, Deere, Cub Cadet and Wheel Horse. Parts can be shipped out the same day as ordered.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Weaver's Equipment, 4809 State Route 61, Shelby, Ohio 44875 (ph 419 342-7033).

Joseph J. Nemes & Sons offers a full line of new lawn and garden equipment, but also carries a wide variety of used parts and equipment. The company specializes in Allis Chalmers and Simplicity machines, as well as pre-1980 Cub Cadets and miscellaneous pre-1976 parts.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Joseph J Nemes & Sons, 1233 Rt 206 (Hwy 206 North), Princeton, N. J. 08540 (ph 609 924-4177; jeff@jnemes.com; www.jnemes.com).

J & D Lawn Tractor specializes in Deere equipment, but also carries some Wheel Horse and other brands. Typically they carry around 100 tractors for parts and another 100 for resale or trade. Delivery averages three days after orders are received.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, J & D Lawn Tractor, 1254 N. 2150th Ave., Mendon, Ill. 62351 (ph 217 440-8365; admin@jdlawntractor.com; www.jdlawntractor.com).

Jamestown Lawn & Garden specializes in new and used parts and attachments for lawn and garden tractors. Brands include Cub Cadet, Deere, Bolens, Wheel Horse, Ford, Jacobsen, and Sears and Craftsman lawn mowers. Jamestown also carries a variety of small engines, such as Kohler, Briggs & Stratton, Tecumseh, Honda and LCT. The "graveyard" has more than 200 tractors for salvage as well as countless shelved parts. The company tries to get parts out within 24 hours and promises no more than 48 hours from order receipt.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jamestown Lawn & Garden, 240 Ray RD, Jamestown, Penn. 16134 (ph 724 932-2195; parts@mowergraveyard.com; www.mowergraveyard.com).

West Kentucky Tractor Parts specializes in used and rebuilt parts for Japanese brand garden and compact tractors. Many units are diesel and include Kubota and Mitsubishi tractors going back to the late 1970's. Other Asian brands include Hinomoto, Iseki, Kioto, Satoh, Shibaura, Suze and Yanmar. North American brands include Allis Chalmers, Bolens, Case, Ford, Deere, Massey Ferguson, New Holland and White. The company has several hundred partially dismantled and several hundred more intact. They offer same day shipping on most orders, as well as truck freight discounts.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, West Kentucky Tractor Parts, 6375 Joppa Landing Road, Kevil, Ky. 42053 (ph 270 462-2191; toll free 800 564-0567; www.wkytp.com).



Home-built tractor service lift is made from a Harbor Freight manually-operated motorcycle lift table.

Tractor Lift Makes Service Work Easy

James Coffey, Sr., keeps his lawn tractor in great working condition, thanks to his home-built service lift.

"It lets me access the blades and change the belts or motor oil without having to remove the deck," says the North Hampton, N.H. man.

Being a big fan of Harbor Freight tools, he ordered one of the company's manually operated motorcycle lift tables. A foot pedal is used to pump a small hydraulic jack that raises the platform. An electric/hydraulic version of the same table is available, but costs more.

The platform had to be widened to accommodate the tractor, so he used 1 by 2-in. channel iron to build a frame and bolted it to the platform, then bolted 1 by 6 pressure-treated planks to the frame. Welding angle iron to both ends of the ramp, and then bolting more planks to the angle iron widened the lift table's ramp.

He bought a small electric winch and bolted it to a homemade mast. The mast consists of a length of 2 1/2-in. sq. steel tubing welded

to a sq. metal plate with gussets, and is bolted to the lift's deck. A cross-arm on top of the mast supports the winch. A friend in the sheet metal business made a metal box to keep rain and snow off the winch.

The tractor had been modified years before with a front drawbar that's now used to lift the tractor.

"The pedals that operate the lift had to be lengthened, because the modified platform is now over 50 in. wide and the pedals would have been covered and inaccessible with the mower deck in the down position," says Coffey.

"The only problem we have is when we put a tractor on the lift table with an under seat-mounted, rear fill fuel tank. If the tank is full and we raise the front end of the tractor, fuel pours out the fill neck. So we try to do any service work after we're done mowing, or before we fill the tractor with fuel."

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"Made-In-Secret" Tool Holder

"I made sure to clean up the kitchen so my wife won't know what I did until we get the next issue of FARM SHOW," says David Novotny, West Fargo, N. Dak., who made a pvc pliers holder in the kitchen when his wife wasn't home.

Like a lot of people, Novotny carries a pair of pliers in his back pocket when working around the farm. But he has to take the pliers out when he sits on the metal seat on his old tractor. So he made a pliers holder that bolts onto the tractor fender.

Here's how he did it: "I cut an 8-in. length of 2-in. dia. pvc pipe and wrapped the pliers in several layers of aluminum foil. I heated the oven to about 350 degrees and put the pvc pipe inside to make it more flexible. Then I put on gloves and filled the kitchen sink with cold water.

"I took the pvc pipe out of the oven and put the pliers in it, squeezing the pipe around them. That caused the pliers to form fit nicely inside. Then I dunked both the pipe and the pliers in the cold water. I drilled a 1/4-in. dia. hole in my new pliers holder, and after a little whittling with a knife I bolted the holder to the tractor fender.

"Now whenever I sit down on the tractor



PVC pliers holder bolts onto tractor fender. "Whenever I sit down on the tractor seat I just drop the pliers into the holder," says David Novotny.

seat I just drop the pliers in the holder, and grab it when I hop off."

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