

# 300+ Combines Set Guinness Harvest Record

“More than 300 combines lined up side-by-side last fall to harvest a Winkler, Manitoba grain field. They set a new world’s record and achieved amazing social media exposure in the process,” according to Dave Thiessen, National Director of Children’s Camp International Harvest for Kids. CCI’s quest for notoriety broke the existing Guinness record of 244 combines by a whopping 60 machines.

Thiessen says the event, which required 18 mos. of planning and tremendous cooperation among 1,000 volunteers, including farmers, churches, law enforcement and food suppliers, was a resounding success. Combines of every size and brand made one pass across a huge field, where 250 acres were gathered up in single swaths by pickup headers. Thiessen says it was an unbelievable sight, captured on the ground and in the air by numerous cameras, even broadcast live on the CCI website. Online viewers from more than 50 countries witnessed the harvest.

“We met our attendance goals, and then some,” Thiessen says. More than 14,000 people witnessed the mega-harvest, which yielded about 50 bushels an acre. All the grain was loaded onto carts and then into trucks and hauled to the elevator.

Thiessen says the extravaganza’s overall purpose was to raise funds to send 1 million kids to a week-long CCI ministry camp.



**A new Guinness World record for the number of combines in a single harvest was set last fall near Winkler, Manitoba with more than 300 combines on hand.**

There they can learn Christian values, make friends, enjoy recreation with others their age and get plenty to eat. The camps are held in poorer countries of the world and cost about \$5 per child. The effort met its original fund-raising goals and is still accepting donations

on the [ccicamps.com](http://ccicamps.com) website.

Will they try for even larger numbers and a bigger event in the future? Thiessen says it’s not out of the question.

Go to [farmshow.com](http://farmshow.com) to see a video of the

record harvest.

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## Moore’s Farm Toys More Than Toys

You can turn a toy tractor or truck into an instant collectible with a kit from Moore Farm Toys. Jeff Moore’s 3-pt. hitches, roll cages, wheel weights and more are precision milled, molded and formed to scale. The kits, accessories and implements dress up otherwise ordinary farm toys to look more like the real thing.

“I started detailing toy combines in the early 1980’s,” explains Moore. “I worked in the family Massey Ferguson dealership. I had grown up around combines and wanted toys to look like the real thing.”

Moore took a few of his detailed Massey toy combines to shows, and people wanted to buy them. It became a sideline and then a full-time business, but he found scratch building hard work and time consuming. Eventually he bought a spin casting machine to mechanize the process. Over time he added more equipment and employees.

“I started making patterns and molds to cast a header wagon, followed by a tandem rake hitch,” recalls Moore.

When toymaker Ertl came out with 1/64-scale farm toys, they took off, and Moore switched over to that scale. “With 1/64 scale toys, you can make a realistic display with barns and bins in a smaller area,” says Moore. “With our kits, you can make the toys more realistic too.”

For his custom toys, he starts with a base toy produced by Ertl, strips away less realistic parts and replaces them with more accurate pieces. That may include replacing wheels and a variety of other components.

“If you are making a model from scratch and selling it, you need a license from the OEM,” explains Moore. “We use licensed pieces and modify them or make kits for them.”

Today the company website and retail store offer more than 1,000 custom and scratch-built tractors, skid steers and more, as well as model implements and a full line of parts and kits. Company products are also marketed through retailers and at national toy shows.

Moore’s biggest seller is his 3-pt. hitch. While Ertl has 3-pt. hitches, they are not quite to scale.



**Moore Farm Toys builds a kit that lets you dress up ordinary 1/64-scale farm toys. Examples include this IH pulling tractor kit (above) and snow blade kits for pickups.**



“They are close, but close doesn’t count,” notes Moore. “We’ve sold thousands of ours.”

He has 2 versions. One slips around and attaches to the axle. A second and even more realistic 3-pt. is moveable and can raise and lower implements.

“It required drilling a couple of 1/32-in. diameter holes to pin the pivot points,” says Moore. “It takes a little experience, but we include instructions with all of our kits. For the moveable hitch, we even include a 1/32-in. bit.”

Moore sells fully customized toys like a 1/64 Deere 4755 tractor with a steerable front axle, rear axle mounted duals, step and cab railings, mirrors, extended flasher bars, lights, antennas, tool box, SMV and moveable 3-pt. hitch with quick coupler. Customers can select desired options including different tire sizes.

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**Horse-powered treadmill can be used to power everything from wood splitters to water pumps.**

## Horse Treadmill Provides Power And Exercise

Horses like treadmills more than people do. At least that is the experience of one man who found his horses lined up by their treadmill one day.

True story, says Elias Shirk, who handles marketing for Athens Treadmills in Spencer, Tenn. The company has been making “one-horse treadmills” for about 25 years, with a recent surge in promotion and interest.

The treadmills serve two main purposes in the Amish or other Plain communities: to exercise a horse and to create power ranging from 1/3 hp. to 1 1/2 hp. That’s enough to power washing machines, ice cream makers, wood splitters, water pumps and a wide variety of air tools, Shirk says. For example, a Haflinger horse can power a wringer washer or wheat flour mill for up to 4 hrs. with brief rest periods.

“For more power, adjust the front higher, by raising the two jacks,” he explains. The gearbox also has an adjustable speed governor, lifetime seal web rollers and a heavy-duty oil bath gear drive train. It can also be hooked up to a belt or pto.

The white oak trailer with a double floor is 31 in. between its sides to accommodate everything from a hackney pony to a draft

horse to an ox. The treadmill is popular with people who live off the grid to power small generators that put out 750 wats.

“Racetracks and universities like to use them for research, because they have determined that an 11-degree incline provides proper front to rear leg muscle load for horses,” Shirk says. An additional advantage is that the horse walks in a straight line and provides uniform exercise compared to a round pen, which puts a greater load on the inside legs.

About half of Athens Treadmills’ customers purchase them to exercise or train their horses. Many use treadmills during the winter to keep their horses in shape for spring and summer field work. Others train them for driving.

Cost for the treadmill is \$4,475 with a gearbox. Athens Treadmills also offers 2-horse treadmills and generator, air compressor, grain mill, rubber floor and other options for an additional cost.

The treadmills can be freight-shipped anywhere in the U.S.

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