



One equipment combo made possible by new tractor is this front snowblower and rear bucket match-up.



Outfitted with two 14-ft. auger headers, tractor cuts a 28-ft. swath. Reversible controls and hydrostatic drive make rear operation no different than forward travel.

## LETS YOU HANDLE EQUIPMENT AT BOTH ENDS OF TRACTOR

# First Reversible Tractor With Front 3-Pt. & Pto

"It's the most advanced tractor I've ever seen," says FARM SHOW reader Bill Short, Hamilton, Mo., who's had an early look at two new tractor models that'll be introduced at Versatile Farm Equipment Co. dealer showrooms this month. "It has features not offered by any other North American manufacturer, including front 3-pt. hitch and pto, completely reversible controls, hydrostatic drive with the same power ratios in both forward and reverse, all same tire sizes, better cab vision and improved steering."

The 100 hp. 276 tractor 4-WD was first introduced last year. This year it's been updated with the front 3-pt. and pto. Farmers who've seen it are excited.

Versatile field engineers have tested the new tractor in a variety of configurations. Cultivators, mowers, snowblowers, forage harvesters, and other equipment can be mounted up front for better visibility. Or, you can simply reverse direction and mount them at back. The entire steering console, along with the instrument panel, reverses in seconds by simply moving the seat, releasing a pin, and swiveling around.

The new cab's glass sides run all the way to the floor for uncluttered lines of vision in any direction. Visibility is particularly good in reverse so that choppers, mower conditioners, and other heavy equipment can be mounted on the rear and the trac-

tor operated in reverse. For example, Versatile engineers put a 14-ft. "auger header" mower on the rear and towed another 14-ft. mower on the front with a side hitch so the total cutting width is 28 ft.

"The uses are virtually unlimited," says Al Dueck, product manager for the 200 series tractors. "The ability to operate large grain or hay headers and push-type forage harvesters on the tractor eliminates the need for many types of large self-propelled equipment. In the winter, you can put a snowblower on back and a blade on front. For construction, we've mounted a backhoe on back and a blade on the front."

Dueck says the 276, and its little

brother the 84-hp. 256, are the only tractors in their size range that are true 4-WD's. They've both got same size wheels and 3-range hydrostatic drive in both directions. Each 3-pt. and pto are independently controlled and each 3-pt. hitch is equipped with electronic position control.

"We've had reverse controls on our tractors since we introduced our model 150 in 1978. We've still got the only tractor manufactured in North America with that feature," says Dueck.

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## Sliding Endgate Grain Chute

Unloading grain is much easier with this grain slide. It funnels grain into a narrower stream that can be easily directed into an auger hopper.

Designed by Curtis Wold, Starbuck, Minn., it can be moved up and down, and also sideways along the truck end gate to aim the stream of grain. You don't have to back up the truck exactly right. You can even back up to the side of the hopper and make it work. The slide can be easily removed when not needed.

The slide is formed to shape from a 26 by 12½-in. piece of 18- or 20-ga. steel. The slide in the photos was made from the metal of an old clothes drier.

The formed sheet metal is tack-welded to a 22-in. length of ¾-in. water pipe. Make ½-in.-long tacks ¾-in. apart to

help control distortion. A 38-in. long, ½-in. rod is used as a hinge pin for the slide. Two 1½-in. long pieces of ¾-in. pipe are tack-welded to the end gate 26 in. apart to attach the slide to the truck.

A 9-in. length of ¼-in. rod is formed and welded to the delivery end of the slide to hold the metal in shape and to provide a place to attach a wire, so the angle of the slide can be adjusted.

A ¼-in. chain link welded to the ¼-in. rod is used to attach the wire.

A 22-in. long piece of ¾-in. flat iron is tack welded to the truck box just above the slide to make the grain flow over the ¾-in. pipe.

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