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The Right Equipment Will Free You Up to Do More of What You Love

Time is money, as the adage goes. But while you can't buy more time, you can buy equipment that will help you get more done, so you can find the time to do the things you love.

BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT IS?

Typically, that search begins with a tractor. And, on a horse farm, that often means a tractor ranging between 25 and 115 horsepower, depending on the acreage and work that needs to be done. Selecting and using the right size and configured tractor, is essential to making sure it's compatible with your other equipment and, just as important, your expectations.

Horsepower is important, but so are tractor size, hydraulic capacity, PTO performance and other features that help you work the way you want. Will you be on uneven ground, pulling something heavy part of the time or running on softer soil? Then four-wheel drive might be an important consideration versus two-wheel drive. Will you be operating in cold or hot weather? How could a cab impact your comfort and efficiency versus a tractor with an open station? And you'll need to think about your transmission, too. Do you want a hydrostatic transmission, which is highly-efficient and easy-to-use, even for operators without much tractor

driving experience? Or do you want a geared transmission with a PowrReverser™ that helps make no-stop, clutch-less direction changes easier during loader chores?

Hydraulic capacity is also an important consideration. Operating a tractor with lower hydraulic capacity and slower cycling time means you'll waste more time waiting for the attachments to raise and lower instead of working. Having additional hydraulic selective control valves (SCVs) makes it easier to hook up and utilize any number of implements such as loaders and backhoes.

The choices are nearly endless, making it easier to match the tractor to your chores, lifestyle and budget. That's exactly why John Deere has developed a range of tractors perfectly suited to horse owners and the properties for which they often care. This includes the 1 through 5 Family Tractors, which fit right into the horsepower range required for typical horse farm and large property chores: mowing, digging, hauling, brush clearing, loader work, grading, baling, and other utility chores.

For smaller acreages, for example, the popular and affordable John Deere 3E Series with up to 38 engine horsepower, or the 4M Series Utility Tractors, which range from 44 to 66 engine horsepower, are ideal for mowing, maintaining driveways, digging postholes and loader work. For larger properties and jobs, there are six models of 3- and 4-cylinder John Deere 5E Tractors available, from 45 to 100 hp, each easily handling haying, bale moving, pasture mowing and more demanding jobs.

If you need something more nimble and are taking care of just a few acres, the 1 and 2 Family tractors – with horsepower ranging from 23 to 31.7 – might be just right. Both feature drive-over mower decks that help speed attachment and removal of the deck. They are compatible with backhoes, loaders and other implements designed to maximize productivity.





When it comes to servicing and maintaining your tractor, you should consider how often your tractor will need service and what service points need to be managed. This can dramatically increase the long-term cost of ownership as well as your downtime. John Deere tractors feature longer service intervals to reduce that downtime as well as your maintenance costs. They also have easy-to-access filters and other service items so you can get to them quickly and be on your way.

CHORE-TACKLING ATTACHMENTS & IMPLEMENTS

Tractors alone can't do much without the right attachments and implements. By selecting the right equipment that complements your tractor and your property, owners can boost productivity and efficiency while also enhancing their comfort. There are more than 200 different John Deere and Frontier attachments, implements and accessories that can help owners maximize the utility and value of their equipment. This includes factory-installed loaders, backhoes and other accessories that make the tractors work-ready when they arrive.

For owners wanting to put up hay to feed their horses, there's no shortage of easy-to-operate and durable mowers, cutters, rakes, balers and other equipment to handle these chores. Depending on the size of the tractor you have, there's a large number and type of Frontier or John Deere sickle bar and disc mowers, mower-conditioners, wheel rakes and tedders, and other hay tools that can help you cut, rake, bale and move hay.

Maintaining productive, high-quality pastures is important, too, both as a food source and the aesthetics of the property. From seeding and fertilizing, to spraying and mowing, there is a long list of things that need to be done regularly to establish and maintain pastures for long-term grass production. There are several John Deere

and Frontier-branded pasture management tools available, including seeders, spreaders for fertilizer and lime, core aerators, and rotary cutters that can be matched to your tractor.

With all chores on the horse farm, efficiency is paramount. And if you can find implements that include time-saving features you'll get your chores done sooner and get back to enjoying your family and your horses. That's why you should consider convenience features, including John Deere's iMatch™ Quick-Hitch™ for three-point tools like box blades, and AutoHitch™ for PTO-driven implements like rotary cutters; Quick-Connect™ and Quik-Park™ for front loaders and grapples; AutoConnect™ mid-mount drive-over mower decks; and Quik-Tach™ and Rock Shaft Assist for backhoes. These systems make it easier and faster for a single operator to attach all types of equipment to the front, middle or back of their tractor.

LESS IS MORE WITH QUALITY EQUIPMENT & SERVICE

No matter the type of equipment you own and operate on your property, it's only as good as the service and support you get from your local dealer. John Deere enjoys a nearly 200-year reputation for making durable equipment, supported by a large network of local, experienced dealers. Access to that local support and expertise is critical, no matter where you live or how big your property is.

Less time spent changing implements. Less time waiting on hydraulics. Less time shifting gears. Less time on regular service and maintenance. Less time doing chores. With John Deere equipment on your farm, less really is more. That means more high-quality, durable equipment options to choose from; more flexibility and versatility in how the equipment can be used; and more value for your equipment dollar.

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