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**Reader Inquiry No. 67**



**"I love my BaleSkiis. I baled almost 400 bales of wheat straw with no problems. My next use was alfalfa/grass hay. Same result; no broken bales, no knotter problems. I was surprised I didn't have to change the tension when switching from dry straw to hay; very impressive. My customers are amazed at the difference in the quality of bales from the same baler. Thank you for a great product." - Hardy Stewart, Eden WI**

## Kit Turns Garden Tractor Into Mini-8N

Don Knasel started converting garden tractors into mini-8N Fords as a way to help older tractor collectors get around tractor shows. Now he sells kits for conversion.

"I saw so many old guys who were having trouble getting around, but were too bullheaded to use a mobility unit," recalls Knasel.

A Ford N-Series collector, it was only natural his solution was a kit that made a garden tractor look like a mini-8N.

He developed a fiberglass kit that he now sells to those who wish to do their own conversion. It consists of a single piece fiberglass hood that fits over most standard garden tractors. Simply remove the existing hood and use some 1-in. by 3/16-in. metal strapping to make a couple of brackets. The new fiberglass hood is reinforced at the bottom and uses two bolts to attach.

Kit includes hood, bumper, 12-volt working headlights, radiator cap, grille decals, hood script, Ford badge, and rear



**Single piece fiberglass hood fits over most standard garden tractors.**

fenders with single rib and script. Sells for \$625.

"The hood is intended to overlap the dash by an inch or two, but some customers have gone to the point of taking an old Ford N dash and downsizing it to fit," says Knasel.

Knasel also converts step-through Kubotas to order. A standard one-seater goes for

\$1,800 with a two-seater priced at \$2,500.

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## Demand Grows For Crabgrass Seed

It has been 18 years since FARM SHOW first reported on crabgrass as a forage crop (Vol. 18, No. 2). R. L. Dalrymple now sells two varieties of the seed. Demand continues to grow as more people become familiar with it.

Dalrymple's Red River Crabgrass RRCG and Quick-N-Big are different than the low growing weed you find in your lawn. The forage varieties grow around 3 ft. high, spread by stolons that can grow 4 ft. long and produce enough seed for volunteer re-establishment.

It's one of the highest-quality summer grasses, stays green until frost, and can continue to be grazed after frost. In a two year Florida study, the RRCG averaged 15.2 percent protein and 76.8 percent digestibility.

He notes that his fields had no measurable rain in 7 weeks and more than 40 days with temperatures of 100° or more. The weather bureau reports the area has had the least rain since 1921.

In a good year, he says, the crop yields 6 tons of dry matter per acre under intensive

management. Average returns are closer to two to three tons of dry matter per acre in a pure stand.

"It can be seeded to a pure stand at a rate of 3 to 6 lbs./acre or used in a mix of summer forages," he says. "It can also be double cropped with winter annual grasses."

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