

# 20th Horse Progress Days Features Equipment Big, Small

Attention grabbers at this summer's Horse Progress Days (HPD) included everything from a 1-horse backpack sprayer to a 12-horse hitch on a 15-ft. wide tillage tool. If you can imagine a modern farming tool pulled by horses, you'll likely see it at the show.

"Not even the avant-garde founders of this great event envisioned Horse Progress Days 20 years later. Or that it would become one of the largest agricultural gatherings in the country or what it would come to involve," reported Lynn Telleen, editor/publisher, *The Draft Horse Journal*.

Telleen's father Maury, founder of the

Journal, was a cofounder of the event. Certainly he didn't imagine nearly 14,000 attendees, much less the type and size of equipment adapted to horsepower. In fact, the last living co-founder of HPD, Floyd Bontrager, told Telleen, "I recall before HPD started. People were worried about all of the old horse-drawn equipment disappearing. They were worried about what we were going to do when it was gone. Now, there's more new equipment than ever before."

Here are a few of the new and modified "grabbers" that got our attention. Our thanks to The Draft Horse Journal ([www.drafthorsejournal.com](http://www.drafthorsejournal.com)):



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A CAT Challenger inline small square baler delivers bales to a Kuhns bale accumulator with the aid of a power forecart and 4 Belgians. Evolving engine-equipped forecarts have revolutionized equipment availability since the show started.

An annual highlight of HPD has been a 12-horse hitch pulling this 4-bottom Oliver plow. Floyd Bontrager, the only living HPD co-founder, first brought it to the event in 1995. It uses the McKinnon Hitch or rope and pulley system introduced at the first HPD by White Horse Machine. This year the company introduced a new type of evener to the hitch that produces less side draft in heavy soils.



Four Belgians pull this double arm wheel rake from Master Equipment. Battery-powered hydraulics on the Pioneer forecart adjust the rake arms.



A unique 12-horse hitch with 6 across the front and 6 across the rear provides power for a 15-ft. Smart-Till from HCC, Mendota, Ill.



The Eberspray'r is a true horse-backpack sprayer. Mounted to this Percheron mare, it includes a 15-gal. tank, electric pump, battery, aluminum frame and reversible boom. Designed for organic crops, it delivers 10 gal./hr. across four 30-in. rows.



Charles Hardenburger cut down an old fuel storage tank, then welded it on top of a home-built gooseneck trailer to make this tree and brush trailer.

## "Poor Man's" Brush Trailer

"I made this tree and brush trailer by cutting down an old shop-made gooseneck trailer," says Charles Hardenburger, Jr., Haddam, Kan. "I replaced the trailer's original hydraulic dump cylinder with larger

3-stage cylinders, so now the trailer can dump at up to a 90-degree angle."

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