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New-Style Tractors Debut At Midwest Farm Show

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Two ambitious Midwestern farmers - working independently of each other - have just introduced new-style farm tractors that they say outperform anything currently on the market. Both new machines were shown for the first time in North America at the recent 3-I Show near Garden City, Kansas.

Unimog



Made in Germany by Mercedes Benz, the Unimog has a 3-person cab and cargo platform that doubles as a side-tilt dump box. A heavy duty suspension system and oscillating axles with outboard final drives keep ground pressure on all four tires equal at all times for maximum traction. Note front 3-pt. and pto (top). One Nebraska farmer uses his Unimog to pull a hydrazing swather. Models equipped with a standard gear ratio can travel at speeds up to 60 mph over the road.

Ranch Hand



Designed and built by a Kansas farmer, the "Ranch Hand" has a one-seat, full-vision cab and a rear dump, 8-ft. sq. flatbed. The cab also has a tilt hood with gas shock assist. It'll go from 4 mph to 48 mph. Powered by a 165 hp 5.9-liter Cummins turbocharged diesel engine, it can pull anything a 140 hp tractor can pull, such as a 22 to 24-ft. field cultivator or 20-ft. disk. The flatbed can carry an 8,000-lb. load.

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