

"It's like having HANDS at the end of my loader arm"

WESTENDORF MFG. LAUNCHES NEW BRUSH CRUSHER

The NEW Westendorf Brush Crusher™ is the extra helping hand you need when picking up large piles of brush or removing fallen trees. No extra hydraulics required! Able to fit ANY loader or skid

steer, there's no reason not to have one.

The Brush Crusher™ lets you get rid of your big, heavy bucket, which increases visibility and brings your loader closer to the load, maximizing

4 REASONS WHY YOU NEED A BRUSH CRUSHER

1. Get rid of your bucket
2. Penetrate INTO the load
3. Grasp, crush, and hold just about anything
4. NO additional hydraulics



your capacity, stability, and lift power. The Brush Crusher™ carries the brush and leaves the dirt behind, allowing for efficient burn or compost piles.

Instead of pushing the load away from you with a bucket, the Brush Crusher™ penetrates into the load unlike anything else. You'll no longer need chains to grab long, awkward logs - leave the heavy-lifting to the Brush Crusher™.

Like having a pair of hands at the end

of your loader arm, you can grasp, crush, and hold brush. The teeth are like opposable thumbs that open and close independently, allowing you to pick up uneven loads without a problem. Easily grab and hold logs in place so you can cut them.

The Brush Crusher™ gives you a hydraulic hand without the cost - you use the hydraulics already on your loader. Use your tractor's power to do the work; don't waste your manpower.

The Westendorf Brush Crusher™ is easy, simple, and cost-effective. Our customers say it best: "It's the best way to move heavy, awkward loads." "Moving brush has never been easier. It makes clearing my land a snap!" "This thing is awesome!"

Learn more about the Brush Crusher™ at www.brushcrusher.com or give us a call 888-277-6518.

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"Forest-fed" hogs are rotated among several pastures in a 60-acre woods.

"Forest-Fed" Pork Earns More

Brian Bowen and his family provide "forest-fed" pork products to families, farm markets and 6 restaurants from an operation they manage on a South Florida farm.

"We produce several types of sausage, bacon and fresh cuts from 300-lb. mature hogs," Bowen says. "I started raising hogs in the woods when I realized there are thousands of feral pigs living on their own in nature, mostly in woodlands. I decided that if feral pigs can survive, domestic pigs should also be fine. Over 12 years, it has been very successful."

Bowen says domestic pigs are more than capable of foraging for their own food, and the disturbance they produce in the forest floor actually encourages new plant growth. He believes the taste and texture of their meat from forest floor nutrients is exceptional. The pigs also receive free-choice non-gmo dry supplements. Their average rate of gain is 2.6 lbs. for every 1 lb. of dry feed.

The farm they manage raises Berkshires, Hampshires, Durocs and Red Wattles. Bowen purchases weaned piglets from other producers. Every 3 to 7 days pigs get moved to a new lot. Bowen says the animals forage and fertilize as they go, creating an uprooted soil structure that regenerates quickly and is ideal for new forest undergrowth. They forage for about 50 percent of their nutrition, which comes from roots, nuts, young plants and acorns. Bowen says "Pigs will eat just about anything, including grubs, roots, downed branches, vines and invasive plants."

The farm has about 100 hogs that Bowen has divided into 4 groups. They harvest 5 to 8 mature hogs every 2 weeks, producing sausage, bacon, chops, roasts and back bacon. Bowen says the pigs produce great tasting pork products, and their growing cycle is good for the forest. In 12 years the organic matter content in the woods has improved dramatically and is now at 5 percent. Bowen recently planted 100 chestnut trees and 1,000 oak trees on open land and in swales. They groomed the terrain to create the swales to hold moisture for the growing trees.

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