

She Specializes In Colorful Corn Varieties

Amyrose Foll, a U.S. Army veteran and Penobscot and Abenaki Indian descendant, says she gives indigenous corn varieties special attention to help preserve a way of life for her community. She grows and preserves native seeds at her farm in Central Virginia.

Foll spent much of her childhood learning about cultivating and preserving food by helping her family and learning how to hunt and fish with her father. "My two sisters and I spent a lot of time working at our uncle's farm, and because we didn't have brothers, we did all the dirty work most girls are spared growing up," says Foll. That experience paid off when she started her current farm business called Virginia Free Farm.

The farm raises poultry, pigs, goats and several varieties of produce. Foll is an advocate for saving and sharing seeds, which help to feed others the way her ancestors did. Her farm produces unique varieties of native corn.

Abenaki Rose, whose seeds have been passed down from generation to generation in Foll's family, is an average size flint corn. The cobs have light-colored kernels which contain a halo of color ranging from pink to burgundy. Originally grown in New England and the Maritimes of Canada, it's a short growing variety that typically matures at 80 to 90 days. Foll says "its traits were carefully selected by generations of indigenous farmers to produce even with late spring frost or early fall frost. This was essential when the whole community depended upon a successful harvest."

Native tribes used it for cornmeal in traditional journey cakes and other baked goods. When it's picked early and eaten like today's sweet corn, Abenaki Rose tastes somewhat bland.

Foll also raises Maiz Morado, known as Kulli. It's a sweeter corn with dark indigo-colored kernels. Foll says, "it may leave your mouth the shade of lavender after you eat it, but it tastes great." Maiz Morado is a large subtropical variety that needs a 120 to 160 day growing season. Raised for years by Incan people in Peru, Foll says it contributed greatly to the rise of the ancient Incan empire. On Foll's farm, its stalks have reached up to 15-ft. tall. The cobs can be picked young to



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eat like sweet corn, roast or use in other corn dishes. Mature Maiz Morado is made into flour and fabric dyes.

After harvest, Foll grades the dry corn and keeps the best seeds for replanting and to improve her seed stock. "I also give seeds to other native people who plant them in tribal gardens around the area to help save a fairly uncommon cultivar from being lost to history," says Foll. "Anyone can organize what I've done. My hope is that others will replicate my project in other areas."

Much of the food harvested from the farm goes to feed those in need in nearby communities. Seeds from the Virginia Free Farm can be purchased by visiting shop.etsy.com/virginiafreefarm.

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Mahindra Roxor UTVs are built for everyday work and come with full-size wheels, durable axles, and leaf springs.

UTVs Built For Work And Play

Mahindra Roxor has launched two UTVs in the U.S., the Base and All-Weather models.

Similarities between the two include steel bodies, box steel frames, a Mahindra-made 2.5-liter turbo diesel engine, heavy-duty transmission, full-size wheels, a 3,490 lb. towing capacity, durable axles and leaf springs.

"They're built for hardcore use to be dependable and durable," says Rich Ansell, VP of Marketing. "The main difference between the models is the Base is open to the elements with no cab. The All-Weather model comes with a fully enclosed cab, HVAC system, windshield, and doors."

Roxor has simplified and limited options, but available accessories and add-ons include lightbars, winches, upgraded heavy-duty bumpers, windshields and wiper blades.

"Part of the benefit of its simplicity is how customizable it is," Ansell says. "And while factory accessories have the advantage of quality and fit, we also know, with our dealers and customers, part of the charm of the vehicle is they love to check the independent aftermarket and shop for what they really

want.

"People love its durability and simplicity, and they're frankly all tired of having to fix and replace their plastic body side-by-sides on a regular basis. Roxor is built for everyday work."

The Base and All-Weather UTVs are assembled in Roxor's Auburn Hills, Mich., plant with approximately 70 percent of the parts made in India. Units can be purchased from Mahindra dealers across the U.S. although distribution has been limited due to ongoing Covid-19 related supply chain issues.

Ansell explains they are concentrating on U.S. demand before phasing back into Canadian markets. Exporting to other countries isn't planned at this time.

The Base model sells for \$18,899 and the All-Weather \$26,299 plus S&H.

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Loader-Mounted Log Processor

Halverson Wood Products says no other log processor can compete with their new skid steer-mounted HWP-150 firewood processor.

Owner Glen Halverson used the previous HWP-140B model as a basis for the machine, then upgraded it to become their newest and largest 150 log handler.

The HWP-150 weighs 1,638 lbs. and can be used in the yard or easily transported into the woods for ease of cutting. All work can be safely done from the comfort of the cab seat. The machine requires a minimum of 2,850 psi and 15 gal. per min. of hydraulic flow rate to operate properly. A Parker F10 motor runs the .404 pitch, .080-ga. chain on a 30 1/2-in. saw bar.

Tom Kruschek, Halverson sales representative, says the top-of-the-line 150 machine easily handles and cuts 22-in. logs, forcing them through either a 4 or 6-way adjustable hydraulic wedge to create perfect-sized firewood pieces.

Logs are lifted with forks, then clamped in place with a reinforced grapple arm.

"The log rides on top of the tray as it slides back and forth," Kruschek says. "When you get it where you want it, clamp it with the grapple, slide the tray out from underneath and cut it. The log drops down into the bot-

tom of the trough, and the front of the tray becomes the push plate forcing it through the wedge as it's bringing the log into place for the next cut."

The processor is built to be compatible with many common skid steer brands and other equipment including excavators, telehandlers and tractors.

"It's a 14-pin plug and play connection but can be run off a main cab harness if your machine isn't 14-pin equipped," Kruschek says. "Bolt them in, plug them into the electrical connector and use your joystick functions. It works best with six auxiliary switches on the joystick. The main cab harness kit is simple to understand and install."

The unit is built from scratch in the Pine River shop and sold to farmers, construction companies, loggers and tree service operations across North America and 15 different countries.

The HWP-150 sells for \$21,500 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tom Kruschek, Halverson Wood Products, 199 College St., Pine River, Minn. 56474 (ph 218-587-2065; halversonwoodproducts.com; www.halversonwoodproducts.com).

Vac Designed To Suck Up Mulch

The Visionary Equipment Mulch Vac 3000 is Charlie Van Dusartz's solution for picking up mulch, leaves and other debris. "My dealers were saying there was no vacuum to clean up playground and landscape mulch," he explains. "We now make skid steer and gas-powered, stand-alone models."

The header takes a 36-in. swath sucking mulch up through a hose into a 1/3-yard hopper that opens to empty. For smaller areas or final cleanup, the Vac has a wand similar to a carpet vacuum with an 8-in. diameter hose. It can be used to fill 8 or 12-in. silt socks for erosion control at the rate of 36 ft. in 50 seconds.

The vac also has a blower for moving leaves and other debris.

Municipalities and landscape contractors have been interested in the Mulch Vac and some have used it for other purposes. The vac can pick up plastic debris. And one City maintenance manager used it to clean up aluminum cans after a party.

Both models sell for about \$15,000 and are made in Wisconsin.

The vacuum/blower fits well with the Cone Splitter that Van Dusartz began manufacturing more than 15 years ago. It breaks up large tree stumps that are too big for



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chip grinders (FARM SHOW Vol. 31, No. 5). Over the years, several different sized models have been added, from mini-skid versions to an excavator model.

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