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Quality-Built Sawmills Priced To Sell

Long-time FARM SHOW contributor and professional sawyer Sidney Stubbs suggested we check out sawmills from Woodland Mills. We did. Their customer reviews are impressive as are their prices, which start at \$2,499.

"We create products for acreage owners who have a DIY attitude," says Chris Sahadath, Woodland Mills. "Everything we design is durable, easy to use, and affordable, all without sacrificing quality."

The company was co-founded by boyhood friends Josh Malcolm and Neil Bramley. Both became mechanical engineers. After more than 15 years in industry, they shared a common desire for a low-cost, high-quality sawmill for their own use. Unable to find one, they designed their own and began making them for others.

Early success came in producing small quantities of sawmills that they sold online.

"The very first Woodland Mills portable sawmill was the HM126," says Sahadath. "After its initial success, the line was expanded to include the HM130MAX, with increased horsepower for those who want to mill larger logs. The HM122 was added for those weekend warriors who use their mills recreationally."

All three models share a 4-post head design with a tubular back beam for rigidity to provide smooth and accurate cuts. The head moves up and down galvanized steel posts via a hand crank system and can cut 1/16-in. veneers and to within 1 in. of the deck.

The sawmills come with two 6 1/2-ft. rigid track systems for smooth sawmill transit and the ability to cut a 10 1/2 ft. long beam or board. A screw-style log clamp on each section holds logs in place, while 12 leveling legs provide up to 4 in. in adjustment. Additional sections are available for milling longer logs.

All three models are also available in trailer versions. Other common features include automatic blade lubrication and the company's RapidChange blade system. Blade lubrication activates when the throttle is engaged. RapidChange provides quick, tool-less blade changes with fewer tracking adjustments.

The \$2,499 (CAD) HM122 can cut 22-in. dia. logs and produce boards up to 20 in. wide. It's available with a 7.0-hp. Kohler gas engine or for another \$300, can be equipped with a 9.7-hp. Kohler. Both are recoil start.

The HM126 can cut 26-in. dia. logs for boards up to 24 in. wide. It's available with

a 9 1/2-hp. (\$3,399) Kohler gas engine or a 14-hp. (\$3,699) gas engine, both recoil starts. The 14-hp. model features an auto locking adjustable blade guide, available as an option on the 9 1/2-hp. model.

At \$4,999, the HM130MAX tops out the Woodland Mills sawmill line. It can handle 30-in. dia. logs without squaring the cant. It features a 24-hp., electric start Kohler gas engine. Like the 126, it is equipped with the

auto locking saw head and adjustable blade guide.

Other products include a lap siding attachment, log loading ramp, winch post kit, bandsaw blade sharpener and a tooth setter, as well as a toolbox, extra blades and more.

The engineering that goes into the designs shows in accessories like the lap siding attachment. It tilts the sawmill head on an angle. However, unlike jigs available with other sawmills, it can be permanently installed and utilized as needed.

Woodland Mill also makes several models of 3-pt. mounted, pto powered woodchippers. The smallest WC46 (\$2,799) requires as little as 15 hp. to handle material up to 4-in. dia. material. The WC88 (\$3,549) is the largest, requiring as little as 35 hp. to handle up to 8-in. material.

Sahadath encourages interested FARM SHOW readers to visit the company's Facebook and Instagram pages to learn more about the products and their capabilities.

"We have a strong community of sawyers who use our Facebook Group as a positive place to find encouragement and ask questions," says Sahadath. "We use our Instagram and Facebook pages to showcase the impressive creations that our customers complete using our products."

The company also provides an exceptional line of product explanations and how-to videos on YouTube.

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Wire holder welded from tube steel and angle iron allows wire to unwind.

Wire Holder Fits Receiver Hitch

"I made a simple barbed wire holder that fits into my truck's receiver hitch and makes unrolling wire easy," says Pat Hiebert, Victoria, British Columbia.

"I welded a frame out of tube steel and a couple of pieces of angle iron. A pipe goes through the angle iron arms with a second larger pipe over the top that spins. Pins in the ends of the smaller pipe hold the pipes in place and make it easy to slip on one or two rolls of wire."

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Seeder Plants Directly Into Hayfield

Approximately 15 years ago, Guttler Agricultural Equipment in Germany developed a system for overseeding into existing hay stands to avoid the need for plowing.

Originally, Guttler manufactured a broadcasting machine with a raised tank that delivered the grass seed through tubing. This system worked best on recently cut hay fields or when planting a new area as the grass seeds weren't blocked by taller stands.

"It dethatches, aerates, opens the seed bed, and broadcasts as the tines are scratching," says Philippe Ruf, joint owner of PMI-Ag, Quebec. "Seed goes right to the ground where the packer presses it in. It's just like nature, the plants get mature, the wind blows the seed into the ground, and the animals trample it in."

The seeder features an aggressive toothed board in the front to level gopher mounds and scratch the soil between 1/2 and 1 in. deep. Outlet hoses send the seed into small spreader plates directing them forward

into the moving tines where they fall to the ground. Guttler's unique self-cleaning packer system uses 305 contact points per square meter to ensure accurate placement and perfect ground contact. As the seed pattern is fan-shaped instead of in rows, overall coverage is improved.

Ruf says their most popular seeders are 10, 20 and 40 ft. widths which can plant about 30 acres per hour.

"The same machine can be used year after year to cover seed if there's been frost damage or areas that didn't catch properly," he says.

In 2017, Guttler modified their cover seeder for seed delivery into taller forages as is often the custom in Europe. When grass is taller, it's much more difficult to position the seed accurately in the ground as it can stick to the higher-up leaves due to humidity and moisture. Guttler offered an alternative to the broadcasting option by simply blowing the fine seed through the tubes now placed directly behind tines where they drop below the height of the crop to be deposited 1 to

2-in. above the ground.

Ruf says the existing broadcast equipment is available in widths between 4 and 40 ft. while the tine seeding models come in 10 and 20-ft. sizes.

The 10-ft. model is built for a 3-pt. hitch with tines, packers and seeder lifting together. The 20-ft. model features the tines right behind the tractor allowing sharp turns in the field. The 40-ft. unit is unique, having eight independent 5-ft. packer sections that allow for optimum ground follow.

Guttler seeding equipment is produced and manufactured in Germany and is available in Canada through PMI-Ag in Stanstead, Quebec. U.S. distribution is not available currently.

Ruf urges customers to visit the PMI-Ag website or Facebook page for more information and pricing.

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