

New Leveling Tools Make Grading Easy

Grading and leveling tools have come a long way in the last few years. You don't have to use a 3-pt. mounted blade to maintain your driveway anymore. Associate Editor Jim Houtsma rounded up the following recent new entries into the market.



"Ski Nose" Scraper

LaBarge Equipment Co.'s Agritek DS96 driveway scraper pivots 2 in. front to rear and features a "ski nose" front blade to ensure excellent results under all conditions, the company says.

It's equipped with 8-ft. wide, reversible and replaceable front and rear blades. The front blade cuts high spots, directing material to fill in the whole width of the rear blade

before spilling over the channel. Material is churned as it moves from front to rear so ruts and potholes get filled.

Fits Cat. I and II 3 pts. Sells for \$695. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, LaBarge Equipment Co., P.O. Box 8125, Holland, Mich. 49422 (ph 800 511-2022 or 616 399-7544; fax 9932).

Folding-Wing Scraper

This new scraper is available in 8 to 20-ft. models, depending on the size of its hydraulic-fold wings.

It features an 8-ft. main frame built out of 4 by 4-in. box tubing that helps boost overall weight by 30 to 50 percent more than



requiring 25 to 30 and 105 to 120 hp, respectively.

Sells for \$1,500 to \$5,000. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rimrock Tech Services Inc., 317 N. 13th St., P.O. Box 2537, Billings, Mont. 59103 (ph 800 736-5309 or 406 245-4488; fax 4458).

Home-Built Grader

"It works better than a front-mounted blade," says Jack Turner about a pull-type grader he and partner Donald Howell built for less than \$500.

It's equipped with a 12-ft. blade that came



off an old stalk shredder housing. It mounts on a frame built out of a 15-ft. Krause rod weeder and Krause one-way disc. The iron gives it 750 lbs. of heft and strength, Turner notes.

The two 15-in. rear wheels were moved back 5 ft. on the frame and the hitch was raised 12 in. with 8-in. channel iron in order to provide plenty of ground clearance. Two screw jacks are used to raise the rear, with the grader pivoting hydraulically on a 2-in. dia. shaft.

The blade is braced with a section of 6 in. channel iron 1 in. thick off the Krause

disc. Two 3 in. hydraulic cylinders are used to change angle on the blade and one raises the rear up to 1 ft.

The grader can be transported behind a pickup and requires at least a 150 hp tractor.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jack Turner, Star Rt. Box 3, Elkhart, Kan. 67950 (ph 316 697-2084).

Pull-Type Land Leveler

This heavy-duty pull-type land leveler is selling like hotcakes, according to Meyerink



Farm Service, manufacturer.

It comes in 10, 12 and 14-ft. widths and features 7,000-lb. axles fitted with 11L by 15-in. flotation tires. The blade is 1/4-in. thick and 3-ft. high and is equipped with a replaceable 5/8 by 8-in. bolt-on cutting edge.

Hydraulic lift and tilt units range in price from \$3,400 to \$4,050.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Meyerink Farm Service, 37119 279th St., Platte, S. Dak. 57369 (ph 800 658-2293 or 605 337-2621; fax 2527).

60-In. Grader

The new "Alligrader" is ideal for finishing work on floors, roads and landscaping. It can be pulled behind any lawn or garden tractor or 3- or 4-wheel ATV, according to S&W Manufacturing.

It features a 1 7/8-in. ball-type hitch and three-way adjustable blade which is equipped with a 60-in. wide hardened steel cutting edge. It provides 7 in. ground clearance for transport and a 4 in. cutting depth and will pull 1/10 cu. yd. of material with easily installed box ends in place.

Sells for \$1,499. Optional electric actuator height, manual jack-tilt and manual jack circular adjustments. Dealer inquiries wel-



come.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, S&W Manufacturing Inc., Rt. 2, Box 97, Beloit, Kan. 67420 (ph 913 439-6266).

Pull-Type Grader

"My new pull-type road grader is built rugged and simple and requires little maintenance. It sells for \$4,295, yet does the job of a big self-propelled grader," says Brad Preslicka, Willmar, Minn.

The 20-ft. long, 2-wheeled grader is equipped with a 14-ft. blade that can be tilted



from side to side or hydraulically set at a 55 degree angle in either direction. The rig has three hydraulic cylinders - one to raise or lower the machine, one to adjust blade angle, and one to adjust side-to-side tilt. A 2,700-lb. cement block mounts on top at the rear. The unit has a transport width of 9 ft. and can be pulled behind any 3/4-ton or larger pickup at highway speeds.

"Farmers and townships can use it for grading roads and driveways, making drainage ditches in fields, maintaining terraces, etc.," says Preslicka. "Optional bolt-on blade ends let you use it as a box scraper. Another option is an oscillating tandem axle."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Double B Mfg., 6666-58th Ave. S.E., Willmar, Minn. 56201 (ph 320 382-6623).

any comparable tool on the market, according to its inventor and manufacturer, Robert S. Kerpash, Troy, Mo.

The scraper rides on two or four 15-in. tires depending on size. Horsepower requirement is 8 to 10 hp per running ft.

Pull-type and 3 pt. hitch models available. Prices were unavailable at press time.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Robert S. Kerpash, 1104 Bohemian Church Rd., Troy, Mo. 63379 (ph 314 528-7175; fax 8404).

Side-Paneled Grader

"We never ask anyone to purchase our grader without first seeing one operate," says Rimrock Tech Services Inc. about its grader which features side panels to prevent windrows of material.

The "Road Boss" features two blades set parallel at either an angle for crowning work or straight for leveling work. Blades are fitted with a replaceable 1/2 by 6-in. cutting surface.

Fits all tractor 3 pt's. A model for skid steers is also available.

Comes in standard 5 to 12-ft. widths, re-



Drag Equipped With Five Blades

The new "Road Drag" from Great Lakes Mfg., Suring, Wis., is equipped with two sets of blades up front and a rear blade.

The first set of front blades is angled forward to remove material from the edge of the road and push it to the center. The second set of blades is angled to remove material from the center of the road and push it outward. The rear blade is pitched for

crowning work.

The design is ideal for filling in holes and ruts, according to the company.

Custom-built to any size. Most popular is 8 1/2-ft. requiring at least a 50 hp tractor. Sells for \$2,500.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Great Lakes Mfg., 8450 County R, Suring, Wis. 54174 (ph 414 842-2012; fax 2497).