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Belly Blade Turns Smaller Tractor Into Grader

Get precise control of grading with the Grouser Belly Blade mounted on a 45 to 125-hp tractor. Unlike front or rear-mount blades, the Belly Blade doesn't hop or leave ripples behind. It also doesn't require twisting around in the seat to look back.

"Placing the blade between the front and back wheels with down pressure gives the operator complete control," says Kevin Goetz, Grouser Products. "We've had contractors, landscapers, small municipalities and farmers

buy the Belly Blade. They've used it like they would a full-size motor grader."

The Belly Blade is available with 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10-ft. blades. Five hydraulic cylinders raise, lower, angle, tilt, change pitch and side shift the blade. The robust design includes heavy-duty components and a hardened cutting edge on the blade.

"We have manual valves and also electric-over-hydraulic control valves," says Goetz. "It's also set up for either manual or fully

automated laser guidance systems."

With manual laser guidance, the operator controls the cuts while following LED lights on the control box or receiver. With a fully automated system, the operator concentrates on steering, while the control system operates the blade.

Goetz points out that the Belly Blade doesn't interfere with mounting a front-end loader or front and rear-mounted attachments.

"You can put a sweeper on the front or add

water tanks with nozzles to keep the dust down," says Goetz.

The basic 6-ft. Belly Blade sells for \$9,500. Adding the fully automated laser controls and other options brings the cost to \$15,500.

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Twin-Row Option Now Available In 4, 6 And 8-Row Planters

High yield, twin-row technology is now available on 4, 6 and 8-row Yield-Pro Planters from Great Plains. The smaller planters have the same features as the company's popular 12, 16 and 24-row planters.

Features like air metering; on-row, in-row or between row fertilizer application; and twin-row, 30-in. rows were not available for small to medium size operations.

"We had requests for smaller planters with the latest technology from our dealers and our territory managers," explains Greg Brenneman, marketing manager, Great Plains Equipment. "The market for planters of these sizes is still out there, and it's surprisingly good."

Brenneman notes that some of the planters will be bought by larger farmers or dealers who want to do plot and field demonstrations. Whatever the reason, the new planters are there for anyone who wants 99.5 percent spacing accuracy and the option of twin-rows on 30-in. spacings. Twin-row spacing gives

the yield advantages of 20-in. narrow row planting without the cost of a new corn head.

"We know farmers won't be able to push the population numbers needed for 300 bu. per acre crops without going to narrow rows," says Brenneman. "You don't need a new corn head to harvest twin rows."

The Great Plains Air-Pro metering system and fertilizer options are also available in single row configurations. Both single and twin-row configurations can be ordered with either 3-pt. or pull-type hitches. Pull-type planters can be equipped with liquid fertilizer tanks.

Base prices for a 4-row planter range from \$15,390 for single rows to \$23,819 for twin-rows. Six-row planter prices range from \$19,741 for single to \$32,484 for a twin. Eight-row models range from \$24,041 for a single to \$40,900 for a twin-row. Prices do not include fertilizer options, row cleaners or coulters.

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Smaller 4, 6 and 8-row Yield-Pro planters from Great Plains are now available with twin-row technology.

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"Go-Anywhere" Secure Storage Units

Need secure storage at a remote site? Take the Western Steel storage unit with you. Need more storage at your home or farm? Put it up in minutes, and leave it up for years.

"It's great for storing tools, seed, pesticides or snowmobiles and ATV's," says Duane Lucht, Western Steel & Tube. "Every time we turn around, someone is doing something else with it."

The storage unit offers maximum versatility. It can be stored flat and popped up or taken down in about 20 min. At 700 lbs. total for the 6 sides, two men can easily carry it in and out of smaller doors one side at a time. This makes the unit ideal for secure storage inside an existing building or basement, notes Lucht.

"They are very sturdy," he adds. "You can stack them or move them around with a pallet jack or forklift, whether empty or loaded to their 2,000-lb. floor capacity."

The units come standard with one front door panel. However, units can also be locked together in series for longer storage needs.

"You can put them two or three deep or with a front and back door for drive through," says Lucht. "We've even had guys use them for calf warmers. It's a great way to get the calf up off the ground and out of the wind and weather."

Panels bolt together for a weather tight seal; however, they do have ventilation. The storage unit comes with a heavy-duty lever and hasp for standard locks. The interior can be equipped with shelving, pegboard and even mezzanine flooring. Minimal tools are needed for assembly, and a joiner kit is available for attaching containers end to end.

Suggested retail price is \$1,299 for the basic unit. Lucht suggests checking the company website or calling the company for dealers.

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