

Resource List
Tractor Operation, Maintenance and Safety
Information & Resources for Machinery, Tools, Equipment and Publications
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Books:

Sustainable Vegetable Production from Start-Up to Market, Vernon P. Grubinger, 1999, NRAES-104.

From Tinkering to Torquing: A Beginner's Guide to Tractors and Tools, Robert Welsch, 2005, MBI Publishing.

Basic Machines, Research & Education Association, 2004.

How To Keep Your Tractor Running, Rick Kubik, 2005, Motorbooks.

How To Use Implements on Your Small-Scale Farm, Rick Kubik, 2005, Motorbooks.

How To Restore Your Farm Tractor, Robert N. Pripps, 2004, Motorbooks.

The Compact Tractor Bible, Dr. Graeme R. Quick, 2006, Voyageur Press.

How To Rebuild and Restore Farm Tractor Engines, Spencer Yost, 2000, Motorbooks.

Antique Tractor Bible, Spencer Yost, 1998, Motorbooks.

The Small-Engine Handbook, Peter Hunn, 2005, Motorbooks.

Tractor Maintenance, 4th Edition, G.E. Henderson, et. al., 1975, American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials.

Preventive Maintenance, 5th Revised Edition, Fundamentals of Machine Operation Series, 1990, Deere & Company.

Agricultural Safety, 3rd Edition, Fundamentals of Machine Operation Series, 1987, Deere & Company.

The Young Farmer - Some Things He Should Know, Thomas Forsyth Hunt, Classic Reprint Series, 2012 (originally published – 1913), Forgotten Books.

Notes: Many of these books are out of print and not readily available. I have been able to find them listed on the internet, either through Amazon or other sources. Here are a few of those:

Motorbooks is published by MBI Publishing Co., Galtier Plaza, Suite 200, 380 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55101-3885; 1-800-826-6600.

Website: www.motorbooks.com

Voyageur Press is also published by MBI Publishing Co. They produced a series of books called the Country Workshop Series, which is now out of print.

Website: www.VoyageurPress.com

www.forgottenbooks.org

Plant and Life Sciences Publishing

www.palspublishing.cals.cornell.edu

(formerly called Natural Resource, Agriculture, and Engineering Service or NRAES)

NRAES published very good booklets on specific topics. Recommended booklets include: "Used Farm Equipment: Assessing Quality, Safety, and Economics" from the Small Farm Series, 1987; "First on the Scene" from the Farm Safety Series, 1989; and "Farm Machinery Days for Small and Part-time Farmers," 1990.

Repair Manuals & Literature:

Dan Shima

409' Sheridan Drive West / Eldridge, IA 52748 / 563-285-9407

Repair manuals and books.

Jensales, Inc.

Tractor Manuals and Toys / 200 Main Street / Manchester, MN 56007-5000

800-443-0625

www.jensales.com

Carries service, operator, and parts manuals.

Farm Tractor Manuals

www.farmtractormanuals.com

Yesterday's Tractors

PO Box 160 / Chimacum, WA 98325

800-853-2651

www.yesterdaystractors.com

I & T Shop Manuals, available through many online sources.

www.farmmanualsfast.com

Catalogs:

Johnny's Selected Seeds / www.Johnnyseeds.com / 1-877-Johnnys (564-6697)

Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply / www.groworganic.com / 1-888-784-1722

Agri-Supply / www.Agri-Supply.com / 1-800-345-0169

A.M. Leonard Horticultural Tool & Supply Co. / www.amleo.com / 1-800-543-8955

Sears Craftsman Tools / www.sears.com/craftsman / 1-800-377-7414

Direct Safety Co. / www.directsafety.com / 1-800-528-7405

FarmTek / www.FarmTek.com / 1-800-327-6835

Gemplers' / www.gemplers.com / 1-800-382-8473

Grainger / www.Grainger.com

Northern Tool + Equipment / www.NorthernTool.com / 1-800-533-5545

Tractor Supply Co. / www.tractorsupply.com

Valu-bilt Tractor Parts (formerly Central Tractor) / www.valu-bilt.com / 1-888-828-3276

Specialty Vegetable Equipment:

Market Farm Implement (Specializing in Vegetable Crop Machinery) / 257 Fawn Hollow Rd., Friedens, PA 15541 / 814-443-1931

www.marketfarm.com

Roeters Farm Equipment / 565 E. 120th St., Grant, MI 49327 / 231-834-7888

www.roetersfarmequipment.com

Earth Tools, Inc. / 1525 Kays Branch Rd., Owenton, KY 40359 / 502-484-3988

www.earthtoolsbcs.com

Buckeye Tractor Co. / P.O. Box 97, 11313 Slabtown Rd., Columbus Grove, OH 45830
USA / 800-526-6791

www.buctraco.com

Good Used Tractor Information Sites:

www.tractordata.com

www.tractorhouse.com

Sources for Finding Used Equipment:

www.craigslist.org

www.searchtempest.com

www.lancasterfarming.com

www.burkholderbrotherstractor.com

Here is a link to a webinar I created and presented for the University of Vermont's New Farmer / Ground Work project:

<http://blog.uvm.edu/groundwk/webinar-recordings-2/buying-a-tractor-a-decision-making-guide/>

Link to a Good UK Tractor Safety Guide:

www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg185.pdf

Good Farming Advice:

"In farming, you pick your wage in January." - Fran Delamano

"A farmer always carries three things: a sharp knife, a watch, and a bandana."
- Bill Casey

To this list I would add: a Sharpie and a cell phone. - sjl

"Design is the first signal of human intention." - William McDonough