

# Popular stubble 'tools' now at New Farmpower



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SOME of the most popular stubble management and soil conditioning systems on the market today have now become available through the New Farmpower dealer group at Quairading, Kulin, Northam and Merredin.

NEW FARMPower has announced a partnership with Australian manufacturer, K-Line Industries, to help increase WA grower access to its specialist machines as well as product support.

The State's farmers have long realised the benefits of mulching rather than removing or burning stubbles.

Enhanced microbial activity, resulting in reduced fertiliser requirements, increased soil carbon content and better moisture retention, is one of the major advantages of retaining and mulching stubbles.

The team at K-Line Industries has strongly focused on supplying equipment that will assist growers to better manage heavy residues built up in soils after years of employing conservation farming techniques.

Two of its machines capturing attention and now available through New Farmpower include the Trashcutter™ and Speedtiller®.

## Trashcutter™

The Trashcutter™ has been extensively developed over the last four years in conjunction with agronomists and farmers requiring a better system for stubble management.

Representing a breakthrough in trash and stubble management, the Trashcutter's™ advanced design lays the stubble to one side before slicing and bruising it with self-sharpening discs into short lengths.

The angle of aggression and operating depth can also be hydraulically adjusted to vary its effectiveness for weed control and mulching of trash.

## Speedtiller®

The Speedtiller® has been developed to assist in cutting up and incorporating heavy residues into topsoils to help increase soil organic matter and improve soil performance. Increased organic matter is necessary for microbial activity in the soil and improved nutrient efficiency.

Ideally, the Speedtiller® should be used at high speeds (10-15 kilometres per hour), providing maximum cultivation and excellent weed control.

Soils can be levelled effectively and efficiently, leaving a smooth seedbed to allow drills or other tined tillage equipment to pass through without blockages.

The Speedtiller® has been trialed in wheat stubble, other cereals, melon and corn through to mature fleabane.

It is available in a range of sizes in three-point-linkage or trailing, hydraulic-fold models.

K-Line Industries is looking forward to its association with New Farmpower and a strong future in the WA market.

## NEWDEGATE FIELD DAYS

A K-Line Industries representative will be on-hand at the New Farmpower site at next week's Newdegate Machinery Field Days, where a Trashcutter™ also will be on display.



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# Trashcutter™ bigger, faster, more efficient for south-east growers

AN expanded, continuous cropping operation and improving yields has meant more trash to handle for Cascade grower Kirk Jeitz.

The Jeitz family crops 6500 hectares to canola, wheat and barley on their 'Pinehills Pastoral' property.

Bulkier stubbles from higher crop yields have made it tougher to get through at seeding time with their Ausplow DBS sowing system.

Kirk said they had been mulching stubbles for about eight years with a 10.5-metre (35-foot) Superior Mulcher, which had performed well.

However, the bigger program and thicker stubbles had since required a serious stubble management machine that could get over the ground quickly.

After "looking over the fence", Kirk invested in an 18m (60ft) K-Line Industries Trashcutter™, which they also hire out to farmers.

The Trashcutter™ is pulled by a 500-horsepower John Deere 9620 tractor at a capped speed of about 18 kilometres per hour.

"Previously, we were clocking up tractor hours and tying up labour," Kirk said.

He said the Trashcutter™ was a well made machine.

"We are big fans of knocking canola over and cutting it."

Kirk said the canola stubble had presented a couple of issues and so they now used a stubble chain prior to the Trashcutter™.

Scaddan farmer Gavin Egan also previously used a Superior Mulcher and said upgrading to a Trashcutter™ had just about halved his stubble management fuel bill.

The Egan's continuously crop their 'Murrumboola' property to wheat, barley, canola and field peas, all sown with a Morris Contour Drill.

Gavin said stubble loads were increasing and he hoped they would be a lot bulkier again this year.

"We bought the Trashcutter™ after a big hail event, which left us with full length wheat crops to manage," he said.

The 18m (60ft) model is hitched to a 315hp Case Magnum and travels at 12-18km/hr.

"It is quicker, has less moving parts and will help to improve our soils," Gavin said.

He said they had been running the Trashcutter's™ discs straight rather than setting an aggressive working angle.



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## WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER!

### Trashcutter™

Proven ability to mulch, breakdown and cut up trash residue  
Minimal soil disturbance

Low horsepower requirements

Adjustable angle for chemical incorporation

Low wind erosion

Sizes available from 9m - 13m



### Speedtiller®

Efficient seedbed preparation

Effective weed control

Excellent stubble incorporation

One-pass tillage machine

Increase organic matter in your soil

Heavy Duty, Australian Made

Models available 1.75m - 13m



## ON DISPLAY AT NEWDEGATE FIELD DAYS

Talk to a K-Line rep at the  
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