



Smiles all round for K-Line seed tiller

By MARK GRIGGS

IT'S now two years since Central West vegetable grower and mixed farmer Domonic Pace introduced a K-Line Speed Tiller to his operation, but he continues to count the benefits.

He said it took just one demonstration to convert him to using the machine which mulched, tilled and sowed in one pass.

He said he was still counting the savings the machine had brought in time, fuel and other costs from the years prior to the tiller when he used a rotary hoe and offset discs.

Mr Pace is a principal of Lachlan Valley Produce based at Billimari, near Canowindra, and has grown a variety of crops from sweet corn to cereals for the past 17 years.

This season he has his wheat and canola well established and has plans to sow 240 hectares of lucerne for spring and summer haymaking and also 90ha of sweet corn and 30ha of watermelons in October.

The melons will be harvested in January and marketed through Sydney and Melbourne produce markets.

He had just completed harvesting eight hectares of cabbages for KFC.

The vegetable and summer crops

are irrigated from groundwater, while the cereals are dryland grown.

The Speed Tiller Mr Pace uses is a nine metre-wide double disc unit with a roller at the back.

"It chops and mixes stubble and makes a seed bed at the same time, and in one pass," he said.

Before this implement Mr Pace said he would go over a paddock as many as three times with offsets and a rotary hoe.

"This mulching and levelling finishes much better than normal offset discs."

He said the Speed Tiller did the job well and with just one pass instead of three.

"And I can travel at speeds of 12 to 15 kilometres an hour," he said.

He said the best results appeared to be achieved at the higher speeds.

When working, Mr Pace attaches a Simplicity 2500 FM2 double bin airseeder to the front of his tractor, which sows via the tiller.

"It's got two boxes, one for seed and the other for fertiliser," he said.

"This whole tiller/seed system is revolutionary."

According to Cowra Machinery manager Ron Presley, vegetable growers throughout the Central West were catching on to the wonders of the K-Line Speed Tiller, manufactured across the road from his dealer-



Canowindra mixed farmer Domonic Pace with his double disc machine which he has fitted with a Simplicity 2500 FM2 double bin airseeder, which allows him to sow while tilling.

ship on the Young Road.

"These tillers have become a very popular machine in a short space of time," he said.

K-Line Industries sales manager Bill Larsen said sales had been unprecedented.

"The tiller has been on the market for three years and our dealers are fielding enquiries right down the eastern seaboard," he said.

The tiller is selling to vegetable growers in Bundaberg, Queensland, sugar cane growers along the coast and now cotton and rice growers have taken units on and are pleased with results.

Mr Presley said the units were available in sizes from 2.25m to 12.8m.

He said they also had the ability to kill weeds while also chopping and mixing in heavy trash.

A lot of mixed farmers that used offset discs in the past have changed over, he said.

"I don't think even K-Line Industries envisaged this tiller would spread into such a broad market base," Mr Presley said.

"We are selling these machines all year round as they can be used for every summer or winter cropping system."

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Massey tractors combine technology with comfort

WITH the launch of the new MF7600 Series, Massey Ferguson has introduced four high power, lightweight and versatile tractors.

A Massey Ferguson spokesman said these combined well-proven, award-winning technology with the latest fuel-efficient engines along with additional operator comfort and control.

"The MF7600 Series can be specified with either the Dyna-6 Eco semi-powershift transmission or the Dyna-VT continuously variable transmission," the spokesman said.

"All are equipped with the latest Agco Power e3 engines with generation 2 selective catalytic reduction."

He said these were proven to significantly reduce fuel consumption.

"Already well-proven on MF8600 Series tractors, the generation 2 SCR system uses an advanced diesel oxidation catalyser, which includes the AdBlue dosing injector nozzle and fits neatly under the bonnet," he said.

The spokesman said the e3 engines provided maximum powers of

137.9 kilowatts to 175kW, as well as power management.

"A completely redesigned cab for the MF7600 increases visibility, provides more interior space and enhances comfort.

"Users can choose from three specification levels and new control options to match their requirements."

He said the new models were lightweight and versatile - "ideal for all applications from cultivations and crop establishment through to top work and haulage".

The power management on Dyna-6 models boosted engine power by up to 18.6kW for field and road operations.

On the MF7600 Series, Massey Ferguson is introducing a range of new command control armrests, which are available with different multi-function joysticks.

The spokesman said the level of functions they offered matched the model specifications.

"The new multipad joystick is standard on top specification tractors," the spokesman said.



The Massey Ferguson MF7622 DynaVT-8317 is part of the new tractor range.

"This mounts at the front of the command control armrest and has a thumb button shuttle control as well as operating a range of other functions.

"Also new on the top two models is the option of a multi-function joystick, which includes forward/reverse shuttle and gear shift buttons, and also provides hydraulic controls."

The spokesman said the range also featured enhanced cab comfort and visibility from new windscreen, slim bonnet and compact cooling package.

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