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Reclaim Your Land the Right Way...*THE LEON WAY*

As the harvest winds down for another year, you probably have discovered a few more potholes and wet spots you could do without. The new 2011-2012 line of LEON 'Forced Ejection' Land Scrapers are helping farmers and contractors reshape our biggest farming asset.....the land! New for this fall, LEON formally rolled out the 'new look' models M650, M1000, and M1700 in addition to two 'brand new' full production models LEON Model 1350 (13.5 cubic yard) and Model 2050 I-Series (20.5 cubic yard) Land Scrapers. With the LEON Forced Ejection earth moving system, getting 'hung up' by wet and sticky materials is a problem of the past. Responsive cutting blade action, larger capacity loads, bigger floatation tires, and heavy duty construction all translates in more productivity for you. These new models are rated to work well with 200 to 425 PLUS wheel and track drive tractors in some of the most demanding working conditions mother nature has in store for you.

Many regions throughout North America have experienced 'above average' spring rainfalls to begin what was already a very wet year. To accommodate this and the growing number of higher horsepower front wheel assist and four wheel drive tractors, LEON Engineers were called into action to add more selection for its dealers.

Coupled with the new models, the operator has a variety of options to choose from. On LEON Models 1000 and higher (1000, 1350, 1700, 2050) LEON lets you choose WHICH 'forced ejection' model works best for you....the LEON 'Dolly Wheel' or 'Straight Hitch' configuration.

Option A: Dolly Wheel Option—For maximum control over your cutting depth while minimizing the overall load on the tractor



New LEON Model 2050 'I-Series' Dolly Wheel Land Scraper



2011 Harvest is in Full Swing

drawbar, this four wheeled unit is a proven performer. Designed for farmers, contractors, and rental outlets, the units can be transported easily behind a pickup truck from one location to another.

Option B: Straight Hitch Design: For increased down pressure onto the cutting edge, the straight hitch option is ideal for heavy duty earthmoving. Attached directly to your drawbar, the weight of the load provides increased traction while easily maneuvering through wet clay and softer than normal conditions.

Regardless of the model that suits your situation, LEON is proud to build on its solid reputation for earthmoving equipment. Lyle Gaertner, owner/operator of Gaertner Feeds and proud owner of the LEON M2050 I-SERIES says "I bought this model for the additional capacity and increased horse-power." With plans to reclaim land and increase water flow from one low spot to another, Gaertner is pleased with the modifications the new models offer. Having owned a LEON M850 for over a decade, Gaertner remains impressed with the quality of the LEON Scrapers. "Beyond being a reliable machine I've found that LEON equipment really holds their resale value as well."

Along with our new models comes a new look. All LEON 2012 units come in a highly durable two tone baked on black and yellow powder paint finish. With more tire size options and a wide

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variety of GPS laser guided systems, LEON is expanding its reach into industrial/construction earthmoving sectors as well as building on its deep roots in agriculture. Gaertner definitely recognizes his increased need for more capacity on the farm. He has been able to use his new LEON Model 2050 unit to improve water flow on the land plus reclaim areas that were lying dormant. With the

larger capacity unit, he is also busy this fall transporting dirt to build up the low spots that have been washed away by the rain. 'I highly recommend the LEON Land Scraper' says Gaertner. 'It has been a great investment for my farming operation'. For more information and specifications on LEON Land Scrapers please visit the LEON website at www.leonsmfg.com.



LEON Model 1700 'Tandem Series' Straight Hitch Land Scrapers



NEW LEON Model 1350 'Dolly Wheel' Land Scraper



All Terrain LEON Silver Spreader

At LEON we strive to make products as hardworking as our farmers. Halquist Farms, a dairy farm in Belle Plaine, Minnesota, uses the LEON Silver Spreader M755V (vertical beater) to make big tasks a little less difficult. Halquist Farms has been in business for over 100 years working 1500 acres. Having worked with other spreaders in the past, Scott Muehlenhardt enjoys the quality and dependability that the LEON Silver Spreader M755V offers. With LEON, Muehlenhardt knows the job will get done. He especially enjoys the hydraulic push inside the container of the Silver Spreader as it allows him to know **when** the job is done. "You know that when the push is all the way at the back that the bin is empty" he says.

The combination of a heavy rain season in Minnesota and heavy black soil containing high concentrations of organic material could spell disaster for many farmers when trying to fertilize, but with the versatility of LEON one small change saw Scott Muehlenhardt ready for anything. Knowing the terrain he would be dealing with, Muehlenhardt decided to mount the large LEON flotation tire options to help the unit manoeuvre easier in soft and wet farmland. Beyond simply having better mobility, Halquist Farms LEON Silver Spreader now leaves much less of an impact on the ground.



Halquist Farms LEON Model 755V Silver Spreader

The floatation tire system works to prevent leaving large ruts in wet soil when the unit is running fully loaded.

Now that his LEON Silver Spreader M755V is suited to his working conditions, Scott Muehlenhardt can enjoy other features that LEON offers. "The coverage I get with the Silver Spreader is great" says Muehlenhardt talking about the adjustable spread pattern that can reach up to 40" (12 metres). With the efficiency of LEON, Scott Muehlenhardt is confident that the job will get done right.



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The Jackson Family knows Good Dozer Blades

LEON has been selling dozer blades for over 60 years. In that time we meet many families around the world who want to share their story about our products. In the spring of 2011 we met the Jackson family.

Josh and Christa and their two children, Logan and Ethan, live in Maryland, Indiana where they own Jackson Dairy Farms Inc.

Over the past few years they have purchased two LEON Dozer Blades - an M3530 Series and an M4000 Series. "We use the LEON blades for a variety of different purposes around the farm, but more specifically for pushing corn and hay silage as well as dirt and gravel" said Josh Jackson.

Throughout the summer months, Josh is busy out at the farm. "I'm pushing a lot of corn and hay silage right now" he said. "I

prefer pushing corn as the hay sticks together and rolls up" said Josh. "Corn is looser and easier to roll off the blade" Said Josh.

Josh travels throughout the USA doing custom silage work with the LEON blades. "I speak very highly of both models of LEON blades we own, I have used others in the past and there are simply not built as tough as the LEON" said Josh.

As the weather in Indiana gets warmer the Jackson family are getting ready for harvest and keeping busy. "Our kids love summer time, riding in the tractor and just helping out around the farm" said Josh. "My kids enjoy joining me in the tractor to watch the LEON blade work."

From everyone at LEON we hope the Jackson family and farmers everywhere have a bountiful harvest.



Logan Jackson riding in the tractor with Dad using the LEON Dozer Blade to push silage.

FAST FACT: Did you know LEON has been selling Dozer Blades since 1952?

LEON: The Dependable 'Custom' Sidekick

Silage season has come again and on J.W. Freund Farms that means it's time to partner once more with the LEON M4000 Dozer Blade. This cattle farm in Lewis, Iowa has been using LEON Dozers since



(L-R): Doug, Daniel, John, Adam, JP, Matt, & Kevin Freund

1980. John Freund, a proud part of the family business explains that the lifting height of the LEON Dozer M4000 (34"-40+") is essential. "LEON's has always been good for us" explains Freund. The silage pit that Freund works in has an

asphalt bottom and he found that as he moved silage in and out he was scraping the floor with the skid shoes on his LEON Dozer blade. This inspired Freund to slightly modify the dozer by adding a roller on the bottom of the blade making it easier to use in the corn silage pit as well as on other concrete surfaces as it no longer would catch. With the strength and durability offered by all LEON products, Freund was able to customize his LEON Dozer making it even more productive for the busy silage season.

J.W Freund Farms having been using this roller since 1993 and plan to continue using it in the future along with their LEON Dozer Blades.



Pictured above: LEON proudly offers a NEW LEON 4000 'Quick On-Quick Off' 4WD Dozer Blade unit to fit Case STX 350, 400, and 450 Steiger Tractors . The LEON Model 5000 Series is also available for Case Quadtrac Models.

Pictured to the left:

Custom Steel rollers welded to the bottom of the moldboard help Freund operate his LEON Dozer Blade on concrete surfaces.

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The LEON '8 Way' Pull Scraper Provides Year Round Assistance for All Types of Farmers

The LEON "GZ SERIES" Pull Scraper has been helping all types of farmers contend with every earth and snow moving job imaginable. Since last fall, LEON customers around North America are sharing the amazing results the 8-Way Pull Blade Scraper delivers.

Tim Johnson, farmer from Hvas, SK along with his two brothers and father, purchased the LEON 'GZ SERIES' 16ft Blade Pull Scraper in Oct. 2010. "We are a multi-generation farm" said Tim, "Over the years we have extensively expanded our farm by getting rid of cattle and purchasing lots of new land" he said.

On much of the new land the Johnsons' purchased they noticed fence lines that needed to be taken out, thus creating the need for a pull scraper. "On the one portion of land there were fence lines, we dug them all up and had noticeable sod build up" said Tim. "Our plan is to go over that with the scraper, even it out so you can't even tell they were ever there" he said.

While Tim and his brothers were seeding this spring, his Dad took on a new project with the LEON Pull Scraper. "On top of purchasing the GZ, we also purchased a LEON Dozer Blade to start digging up many tree strips that have become more of an inconvenience to us than a help around the farm" said Tim. "My Dad spent some time this spring bulldozing the tree strips and opening up the field" he said. "Again, we are now working on using the GZ to level out the 30 piles we



LEON GZ Blades can 'offset' up to 10 feet per side



Johnson uses LEON Pull Scraper to level fence lines

now have. We want it to be flat" said Tim.

With mother nature providing the Johnsons' with heaps of rain, the Johnsons' have noticed that the LEON 'GZ' Pull Scraper can be used on wet or dry land. "It worked great in dry conditions and now that it's getting pretty wet around here we are still able to successfully use it." said Tim.

Although his Dad has used it the most, Tim noticed the more you use it the better you get at it. "It has a lot of features to it, and I'm just finding that out!" said Tim. "I'll be using much more in the next couple of months so I'm excited to see what our land is going to look like when we're finished with these projects" he said.

Since purchasing the LEON 8-Way 'GZ Series' Pull Scraper the Johnsons' have had questions as it is a new product. "We wanted to find out more about the many uses it had. The LEON service department were really helpful, they even offered to come out here" said Tim. "That's a great asset to our farm!" The LEON customer service team are qualified individuals who provide support to all LEON customers.

As harvest is quickly approaching, the Johnsons' are spraying and getting ready for the fall. We hope they have a great harvest and wish them luck on all their upcoming projects around the farm.

FAST FACT: Did you know LEON was the first to come out with an 8-Way Pull Scraper?

LET THE LEON 'GZ SERIES' PULL SCRAPER HELP YOU!

- 1. Pulling Ditches** - Reclaiming gravel from ditches on rural roads.
- 2. Grading Roads** - Levelling gravelled driveways and roads.
- 3. Levelling Frost Bumps** - General repair of rural roads and driveways.
- 4. Landscaping** - General landscaping and levelling of farm yards.
- 5. Trenching** - Drainage trenching in spring and fall.
- 6. Levelling Fence Lines** - Reclamation of old fence lines.
- 7. Corral Cleaning** - Stock piling manure in corals.
- 8. Laser Levelling -GPS Assisted** - Laser assisted land levelling.

The Multi-Purpose LEON Silver Spreader

Many LEON customers purchase our products over a number of family generations, passing on their faith and experiences with the LEON brand. One of those customers is Tim Kurok. Tim and his family live in Colonsay, Saskatchewan where he and his son run their family farm. With plenty of cattle and acres of grain, the Kurok family is keeping busy this summer.

Over the years Tim has bought many LEON products, most recently the LEON M425 Vertical Spreader. "I purchased the LEON spreader this past spring," said Tim. "It was important to me that it was a LEON spreader. I have experience with LEON products and great confidence in the LEON name."

"Having only used the LEON Model 425V for a couple months, Tim has been concerned with the amount of debris on the land and how it would affect the spread pattern. Having purchased the LEON Vertical Beater Spreader has eased those thoughts. "We have been able to tackle all kinds of manure without getting stuck; This saves a lot of time" says Tim. Like

Tim, many people did not know that the LEON spreaders can also be used as a materials trailer. "I had no idea that I would be able to use this as a trailer, I heat my shop with wood in the winter time, this is going to be great" said Tim. "I've got lots of new plans for this machine now!"

Tim and his son are very pleased with the LEON Spreader and will continue to use it for many years to come. "I like knowing that you guys are there for any issues, I'm not as confident with any other name" said Tim.



Tim Korol & Granddaughter Brenna

SILVER-SPREADER



Pictured above: The LEON Removable Beater Assembly allows you to use LEON horizontal and vertical spreaders as a materials trailer.

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