

Stock shredder preparation

Many of you have already started shredding stocks or are considering getting started. Before you head to the field, check that PTO shaft. Are the cross bearings in good shape and taking grease?. Have you greased the shaft so it can slide freely and do both yoke ends lock securely? And for safety, is the PTO shield in good condition and able to slip on the shaft?

If you're using either a flail shredder or rotary shredder, you still need to check that gearbox for lube and the condition of the bearings. Check input and output shafts for any excessive side play and are the seals in good shape? Check for lube leaking underneath rotary shredders. Pick a good place where you can safely run your shredder to check for any vibrations or gearbox noise. Your shredder should run smoothly and if it doesn't, you need to check and maybe replace any broken or missing knives keeping in mind to keep them in balance.

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