

Inspection and preparation of tillage tools

Time for spring field conditioners and other tillage tools. Most of these have lots of bearings to check out. Take a little time to inspect those rolling gangs, baskets or rolling knives for dry, noisy or failed bearings. Keep your grease gun handy while you're at it. Inspect knives and chisel points for wear, cracks or even missing parts. Also, look at folding hinges for cracks in welds and make sure they will take grease. Replace those worn and cracked hydraulic hoses and repair any leaking fittings or hydraulic cylinders. Most of these large tools use a master/slave hydraulic system and these must not be allowed to leak.

As most of you know, most disc blades cannot be rolled any more, but Fairbanks does have a disc blade sharpener. We did sharpen several discs out on the farms. For more information, call Dave Bean and visit with him.

Most of this requires crawling under or over your equipment, so please use caution and use safety stands, cylinder locks and keep others out of the tractor while you're working on the equipment. Please stay safe!

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