

# FOOD PLOT SEEDERS

FP1204

FP1206

FP1208



# PLOTMASTER™



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## General Information

The purpose of this manual is to assist you in operating and maintaining your Plotmaster™ Food Plot Seeder. Read it carefully. It furnishes information and instructions that will help you achieve years of dependable performance.

These instructions have been compiled from field experience and engineering data. Some information may be general in nature, due to unknown and varying operating conditions. However, through experience and these instructions, you should be able to develop procedures suitable to your particular situation.

The illustrations and data used in this manual were current at the time of publishing. However, due to possible inline production changes, your machine may vary slightly in detail. We reserve the right to redesign and change the machine as may be necessary without notification.

Throughout this manual, references are made to right and left direction. These are determined by standing behind the tractor facing the direction of forward travel.

## SAFETY & INSTRUCTIONAL DECALS

**ATTENTION!** Failure to follow these instructions could result in serious injury or death.

Replace decals immediately if damaged or worn.



Qty 1 – Serial Number Decal

Qty 1 - Falling Off Warning Decal 3" x 10"

**⚠ WARNING**




**FALLING OFF CAN RESULT IN BEING RUN OVER.**

- Tractor must be equipped with ROPS (or ROPS CAB) and seat belt. Keep foldable ROPS systems in "locked up" position at all times.
- Buckle Up! Keep seat belt securely fastened.
- Allow no riders.

**RAISED IMPLEMENT CAN DROP AND CRUSH.**

- Never go underneath raised implement which can drop from equipment or tractor 3-point hitch hydraulic leak down, hydraulic system failures, movement of control levers, or mechanical linkage failures.
- Service work does not require going underneath implement. Read manual instructions.

**FALLING OFF OR GOING UNDERNEATH IMPLEMENT CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.** 1004299



**⚠ WARNING**

**PINCH POINT HAZARD**

Keep clear

10-0797-A

Qty 1 - Crush/Pinch Warning Decal 4.5" x 4.5"

**⚠ WARNING**



**CRUSHING AND PINCHING HAZARD**

- Be extremely careful handling various parts of the machine. They are heavy and hands, fingers, feet, and other body parts could be crushed or pinched between tractor and implement.
- Operate tractor controls from tractor seat only.
- Do not stand between tractor and implement when tractor is in gear.
- Make sure parking brake is engaged before going between tractor and implement.
- Stand clear of machine while in operation or when it is being raised or lowered.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.** 1003751-A

Qty 1 - To Avoid Serious Injury or Death Warning Decal 4.5" x 4.5"

**⚠ WARNING**

**TO AVOID SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH:**

- Read Operator's Manual before operating, servicing or repairing equipment. Follow all safety rules and instructions. (Manuals are available from your selling dealer.)
- Never allow riders.
- Keep bystanders away from equipment during operation.
- Operate from tractor seat only.
- Keep all shields in place and in good condition.
- Lower equipment to ground, stop engine, remove key and set brake before dismounting tractor.
- Never allow children or untrained persons to operate equipment.

**FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH.** 1002423-A

Qty 2 - Pinch Point Warning Decal 1.75" x 4.25"





## SAFETY RULES



ATTENTION! BECOME ALERT! YOUR SAFETY IS INVOLVED!

Safety is a primary concern in the design and manufacture of our products. Unfortunately, our efforts to provide safe equipment can be wiped out by an operator's single careless act.

In addition to the design and configuration of equipment, hazard control and accident prevention are dependent upon the awareness, concern, judgement, and proper training of personnel involved in the operation, transport, maintenance and storage of equipment.

It has been said "The best safety device is an informed, careful operator." We ask you to be that kind of operator.

### TRAINING

- Safety instructions are important! Read all attachment and power unit manuals; follow all safety rules and safety decal information. (Replacement manuals are available from selling dealer.) Failure to follow instructions or safety rules can result in serious injury or death.
- If you do not understand any part of this manual and need assistance, see your dealer.
- Operators must be instructed in and be capable of the safe operation of the equipment, its attachments, and all controls. Do not allow anyone to operate this equipment without proper instructions.
- Never allow children or untrained persons to operate equipment.
- Train all new personnel and review instruction's frequently with existing workers. A person who has not read and understood all operating and safety instructions is not qualified to operate the machine. An untrained operator exposes himself and bystanders to possible serious injury or death.

### PREPARATION

- Always wear relatively tight and belted clothing to avoid getting caught in moving parts. Wear sturdy,

rough-soled work shoes and protective equipment for eyes, hair, hands, hearing, and head; and respirator or filter mask where appropriate.

- Make sure attachment is properly secured, adjusted, and in good operating condition.
- Power unit must be equipped with ROPS or ROPS cab and seat belt. Keep seat belt securely fastened. Falling off power unit can result in death from being run over or crushed. Keep foldable ROPS system in "locked up" position at all times.
- A minimum 20% of tractor and equipment weight must be on the tractor front wheels when attachments are in transport position. Without this weight, tractor could tip over, causing personal injury or death. The weight may be attained with a loader, front wheel weights, ballast in tires or front tractor weights. Weigh the tractor and equipment. Do not estimate.

### TRANSPORTATION

- Always comply with all state and local laws governing highway safety and lighting and marking requirements.
- Never allow riders on power unit or attachment.
- Do not operate or transport on steep slopes.
- Use extreme care and reduce ground speed on slopes and rough terrain.
- Do not operate or transport equipment while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Consult your doctor about operating this machine while taking prescription medications.

### OPERATION

- Never go underneath equipment (lowered to the ground or raised) unless it is properly blocked and secured. Never place any part of the body underneath equipment or between moveable parts even when the engine has been turned off. Hydraulic system leak down, hydraulic system failures, mechanical failures, or movement of control levers can cause



## SAFETY RULES



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### OPERATION (cont'd)

equipment to drop or rotate unexpectedly and cause severe injury or death.

- Always comply with all state and local laws governing highway safety and lighting and marking requirements.
- Operate only in daylight or good artificial light.
- Keep bystanders away from equipment.
- Keep hands, feet, hair, and clothing away from equipment while engine is running. Stay clear of all moving parts.
- Power unit must be equipped with ROPS or ROPS cab and seat belt. Keep seat belt securely fastened. Falling off power unit can result in death from being run over or crushed. Keep foldable ROPS system in "locked up" position at all times.
- Never allow riders on power unit or attachment.
- Always sit in power unit seat when operating controls or starting engine. Securely fasten seat belt, place transmission in neutral, engage brake, and ensure all other controls are disengaged before starting power unit engine.
- Look down and to the rear and make sure area is clear before operating in reverse.
- Use extreme care when working close to fences, ditches, other obstructions, or on hillsides.
- Do not operate or transport on steep slopes.
- Do not stop, start, or change directions suddenly on slopes. Always operate down slopes; never across the face.
- Use extreme care and reduce ground speed on slopes and rough terrain.
- Keep alert and watch the front as well as the rear when operating.
- When making gang adjustments, be careful to keep hands and feet clear of sliding parts and possible pinch points.

- Stop power unit and equipment immediately upon striking an obstruction. Turn off engine, remove key, inspect, and repair any damage before resuming operation.

- Before leaving operator's seat, lower lift arms and put attachment on the ground. Engage brake, stop engine, remove key, and remove seat belt.

### MAINTENANCE

- Always wear relatively tight and belted clothing to avoid getting caught in moving parts. Wear sturdy, rough-soled work shoes and protective equipment for eyes, hair, hands, hearing, and head; and respirator or filter mask where appropriate.

- Never go underneath equipment (lowered to the ground or raised) unless it is properly blocked and secured. Never place any part of the body underneath equipment or between moveable parts even when the engine has been turned off. Hydraulic system leak down, hydraulic system failures, mechanical failures, or movement of control levers can cause equipment to drop or rotate unexpectedly and cause severe injury or death.

- When performing maintenance or repairs make sure the equipment is in the lowered position and both the mainframe and gangs are properly blocked and secured to prevent rolling. Failure to do so can cause serious injury or death.

- Make sure attachment is properly secured, adjusted, and in good operating condition.

- Before leaving operator's seat, lower lift arms and put attachment on the ground. Engage brake, stop engine, remove key, and remove seat belt.

- Never perform service or maintenance with engine running.



## **SAFETY RULES**



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### **MAINTENANCE(cont'd)**

- Keep all persons away from operator control area while performing adjustments, service, or maintenance.
- Tighten all bolts, nuts, and screws to torque chart specifications. Check that all cotter pins are installed securely to ensure equipment is in a safe condition before putting unit into service.

### **STORAGE**

- Block equipment securely for storage.
- Keep children and bystanders away from storage area.



## Details about your Food Plot Seeder

- a. This Food Plot Seeder consists of a sturdy mainframe with various components and attachments that may be added or removed.
- b. The FP1204 comes with either a single-point or Cat I 3-point hitch, while the FP1206 and FP1208 come with a 3-point hitch only. The FP1204 drawbar is designed for a 2 inch ball hitch. The FP1206 and FP1208 are designed to fit Cat I or II hitches. All 3-point models are iMatch (Quick Hitch) compatible.
- c. The single-point hitch is designed to hook up with many types of pulling machines and vehicles. Examples are an ATV (500 CC or better), utility vehicles (Gators), and small tractors.
- d. The pull-type machine is equipped with an electric jack and attached wheel assembly. This is to give ground clearance during transporting of unit and allows you to adjust the depth of the cut by using the wheels as a depth gauge. If the electric jack should fail, a 3/16" allen wrench will remove the cover and a 1/4" allen wrench will turn motor shaft.



**CAUTION:** Avoid injury! Do NOT pull this unit on a public road or highway. The wheels on this machine are not intended for road use.

When coupling this unit to a utility vehicle, make certain the wire cable for the operating box has slack to allow for turns, but not enough to allow cable to become entangled with the disks.

Do not attempt to disconnect machine from vehicle with material remaining in the unit. Machine could become unstable causing injury.

- e. Each unit comes with an electric seeder to distribute and plant seeds (box is for seeds only/not fertilizer or lime). The flow control lever is attached directly to the seed gate. There are infinite settings that determine the opening of the seed drop hole in the bottom of the seeder. The seeder has a rotating brush (shown below) to aid in even seed distribution, including seed blends.
- f. The drag is used to level the soil and to cover large seeds.
- g. The roller is used to pack the soil after planting.



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