EQUIPMENT

Brouwer Turf Equipment Ltd.

The largest manufacturer of sod harvesters is the Canadian company Brouwer Turf Equipment Limited. A sod producer himself since the mid-60's, Gerry Brouwer began production of the Model A harvester in 1972. Brouwer still farms 1,500 acres of sod in addition to his rapidly expanding equipment business. The unit is designed to either roll, slab or fold and operates off the uncut turf which prevents tracks and turf damage. Brouwer recently announced production of a new line of harvesters, the Model 2000. This unit offers innovative features such as automatic steering, automatic empty pallet loading and four-wall stacking area. It can harvest 2,000 sq. yds. per hour with minimal waste.

Brouwer also makes the light weight Hitch-Hiker fork lift, a side-unloading grass collector, a turf roller, and PTO gang mowers. The company recently established a sales office in Europe to meet sales and service demands of overseas sod producers.

Model 2000 is the newest Brouwer harvester featuring automatic steering and empty pallet loading (top). Model A harvester is used by more sod producers than any other harvester.

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