The "hole" story on aerating

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ABSOLUTE EQUIPMENT
248/684-5442
www.superake.micronpcweb.com

The Superake from Absolute Equipment, Milford, MI, screens soil up to 4-in. deep. It removes rocks from 1/2-in. to 7 in. at the same time it screens and does finish grading. It can prep up to five acres a day, passing across the soil, with the automatic hydraulic shaking action screening soil.

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BLUEBIRD
303/288-5880
www.bluebirdintl.com

The 530 Aerator from Bluebird, Denver, CO, is one of three units with free-wheeling outer tines. The 530 gives up to 19 in. of aeration and up to 3-in. core depth. Other features include folding handle and removable side weights.

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BOBCAT CO.
701/241-8740
info@bobcat.com

The PTX3 model of the PowerTilt from Bobcat, West Fargo, ND, allows 178 degrees of side-to-side rotation and is approved for use on the Bobcat 325, 328, 331 and 334 excavators. The PTX4 offers 180 degrees rotation and is designed for the larger 337 and 341.

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JOHN DEERE
www.deere.com

John Deere's 40-in. aerator/spreader, intended for lighter duty behind a riding tractor, has 132 steel tips, capable of 2-in. depth while seeding or spreading lime. For bigger jobs, check out the 42-in. hydraulic tiller. Unit is suitable for commercial applications.

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ENCORE
402/228-4255
www.encoreinc.com

The Power-Plug is a lightweight, walk-behind aerator for commercial duty jobs. From Encore, Beatrice, NB, it has no add-on weights or water drums. Instead, aerating tines are driven with machine action. Unit has 30-in. aerating width to depth of 2.75 in. Unit is powered with 5.5 hp Briggs & Stratton Intek I/C.

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FINN CORP.
800/543-7166
www.finncorp.com

Both a box rake and a tiller/rotary hoe attach to the Finn Eagle com-

Buying tips

► Buy a good machine from a reputable dealer
► Don't waste time checking hole patterns
► Look at ease of operation

First Products' AE-40E
A trio of landscape rakes can be fitted to New Holland's Boomer series tractors.

**FIRST PRODUCTS**  
800/363-6780  
www.1stproducts.com  
The AE-40E from First Products, Inc., the Tifton, GA-based manufacturer of the AERA-vator, boasts increased power from an 11-hp Honda engine. Unit has electro/hydraulic lift system and a rubber transport roller for smooth operation.

**HARLEY**  
800/437-9779  
www.glenmac.com  
The Harley Pro.6 and Pro.8 Power Landscape Rakes pulverize, level and windrow rock. Made by Glenmac, Inc., Jamestown, ND, the system consists of two power-rotated steel rollers mounted above each other and angled to the ground. Clockwise rotating 6-in. bottom roller has 3/4-in. welded steel bars. Models have widths of 6, 8 and 12 ft. and require 18 to 50 hp 540-pto tractors.

**HUSQVARNA**  
704/597-5000  
www.husqvarna.com  
The Husqvarna Power Rake is tough on thatch but easy on grass. Staggered tine placement provides maximum ground coverage by 24 standard rake spring tines integrated into a rubber mounting. This prevents damage to sprinkler heads. Made in Charlotte, NC, this unit's 10-in. rear wheels make it easy to maneuver.

**MILLCREEK**  
800/311-1323  
www.millcreekmfg.com  
Add aeration to the list of jobs done by your commercial up-front mowers. The front-mount aerators from Millcreek Manufacturing, New Holland, PA, fit Ford, Kubota, Excel Hustler, Toro, Deere, Gravely, Steiner, Howard Price and Walker mowers. Units come in 42- or 63-in. widths.

**NEW HOLLAND**  
717/355-1121  
www.newholland.com  
A trio of landscape rakes can be fitted to any of the Boomer series tractors from New Holland, New Holland, PA. The 760A is a 48-in. model, and the 760A is a 72-in. unit. Attach box scrapers, available in 48-, 54-, 60- and 72-in. widths; a 60- or 78-in. front blade; or the 706 rear scoop.

**PLANETAIR TURF PRODUCTS**  
877/800-8845  
www.planetairproducts.com  
Planetary action of the PlanetAir allows operator to go from 2-in. to 6-in. spacing by changing tractor speed while in motion. Made in Owatonna, MN with hardened sprockets, C-ring sealed chains on 1/4-in. steel framing, the unit's tine design and action penetrate to 4 in. Coring, soil-relieving and slicing tines are available.

**ROTDAIRON**  
570/602-3050  
New in June is the RD 150 RotaDairon multi-purpose soil renovator for tractors. Dedicated to all tractors with conventional 3-pt. hitch, pto and 45 to 60 hp, it has a working width of 60 in. and tills to 6.3 in.

**SIMPLICITY MFGR.**  
262/284-8706  
www.simplicitymfg.com  
Simplicity Manufacturing offers three models of walk-behind rear tine tillers rated at 5.5, 6.8 and 8 hp. The 8-hp 821RT has two forward and two reverse speeds and tills a 21-in. swath 8 in. deep. The 6.5-hp 6516RT tills 16 in. wide and 10 in. deep. The smallest unit has one forward and one reverse speed. It tills 16 in. wide 7 in. deep.
SISIS
864/261-6218
www.sisis.com
The Multislit from Sisis, Sandy Springs, SC, is 53-in. wide, and each plate is fitted with five tines offering 6- to 8-in. penetration. The larger Megaslit is 98 in. wide and penetrates 9 to 12 in. deep.
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SWISHER, INC.
660/747-8183
www.swisherinc.com
The Quadivator from Swisher, Warrensburg, MO, serves as a box scraper/leveler, rake, cultivator, tandem disc, plow, lawn roller, lawn irrigation plow, aerator or chemical applicator.
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TERRACARE
608/429-3402
www.terracareproducts.com
Terracare's T-36 is 8-ft., 2-in. long, weighs 1,000 lbs., and has an aerating width of 36 in. The T-60 aerates to 60 in. and weighs 1,400 lbs. Both units have 5x5/8-in. open tines, mounted 12 per disc with 16 discs per unit.
Circle #276

TORO CO.
800/525-0059
www.toro.com
ToroCore aerators from Toro, Bloomington, MN, come in three model sizes: 40, 60 and 80 in. Floating turf holders keep turf secure as tine is withdrawn.
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TURFCO MFG.
800/679-8201
www.turfco.com
The Aerator from Turfco, Minneapolis, MN, features 3/4-in. tines penetrating 2.75-in. deep. Choose between a 3.5-hp Briggs & Stratton or a 4-hp Honda engine. Unit aerates a 20-in. path with a 4x5.5 center-to-center hole pattern.
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TURF-R-ATOR
262/639-2516
The Turf-R-Ator line from Turf-R-Ator, Racine, WI, is built around a 54x27.5-in. frame. There are nine 1/4-in. solid slicing wheels, each 22 in. in diameter with eight points that cut on 6-in. spacing. Unit rides on 17.5x9-in. tires.
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