

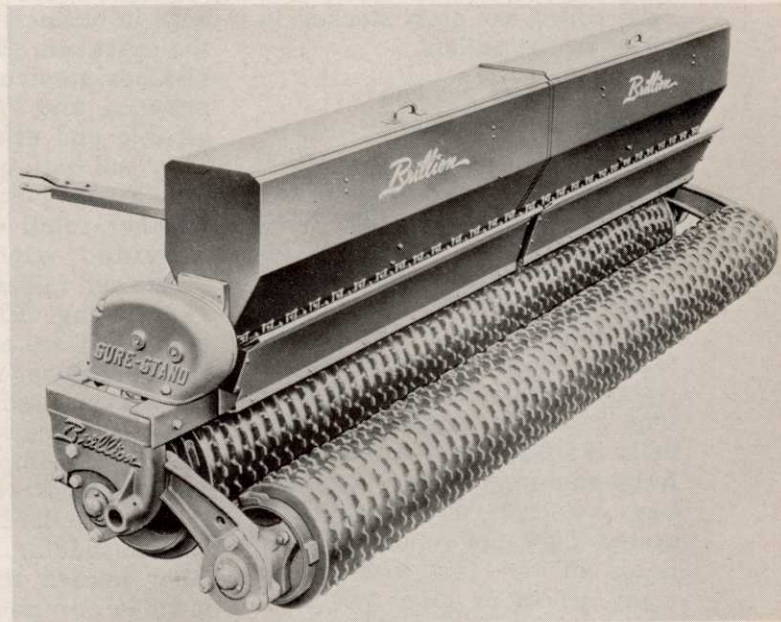
For Sod Producers

Equipment to Fit Your Operation



Nunes sod harvester, above, is being used on Summit Hall Turf Farm, Gaithersburg, Md. Nunes harvester operates with a 3-man crew and can lift, roll, and palletize up to 1200 square yards of sod per hour. Developed at Cal-Turf Farms, Patterson, Calif., the harvester handles any desired length of rolled or slabbed sod. John Nunes, designer of the harvester, reports that the unit will travel at speeds up to 17 mph and will handle conveyor extension for direct truck loading when desired. Nunes harvester permits field grading of sod by operator, who has continuous clear visibility of sod during transport to deck of unit. Harvester travels alongside turf during harvesting and is not affected by moisture conditions. For more information contact: The John Nunes Mechanical Harvesting Co., 2518 Loquat Ave., Patterson, Calif.

New precision grass seeder by Brillion is designed especially for sod and turf growers and for professional landscapers. Turf-Maker combines precision fluted feed rolls and unique micrometer adjustment for accurate seeding of fine grasses and lawn mixtures, with seed savings ranging up to 50%. The Turf-Maker minimizes pre-planting labor and costs. It crushes, seeds and rolls in one operation. Offset notched rollers press down small stones, eliminate air pockets and tuck the accurately metered seed within the top one-half inch of the moisture-trapped seedbed for rapid germination and growth. Notched rollers also bring up moisture from below through capillary action. Exclusive Brillion Micro-Meter adjustment provides an infinite number of settings for precise metering of fine seeds to suit varying job requirements. The Brillion Turf-Maker is available in 8-foot and 10-foot drawbar models, with $6\frac{1}{8}$ -bushel and $7\frac{1}{2}$ -bushel capacity double compartment seed boxes respectively. Options include transport wheels and a 3-point Category II pick-up for the 8-foot seeder. For additional information, write to Brillion Iron Works, Inc., Brillion, Wisconsin 54110.



Specially engineered wide metal wheels are designed and sold by Daymon Manufacturing Corporation. Robert Daymon, manufacturer, is also president and owner of Emerald Valley Turf Nurseries, Gregory, Mich. Emerald Valley is one of the leading sod producing farms in the nation. Wide wheels are built for use on all equipment which travels on new sod fields. Purpose is to roll and level field to prevent tracks or ruts, insuring an even cut when sod is harvested. For information, write: Daymon Manufacturing Corp., Emerald Valley Turf Nurseries, Gregory, Mich.

Princeton Turf Farms is now marketing sod harvester with capacity of about 10,000 square feet of sod per hour. The machine utilizes 3 men. Practical maximum for 10-hour day is 7000 square feet per hour because of physical capacity of men to handle sod and pallets. Pallets carry 1500 to 4000 pounds of sod, depending on moisture conditions of sod when harvested. Princeton unit is complete harvester, cutting sod which is transported to pallet decks. Two men on rear of harvester fold sod and load pallets. Harvester drops loaded pallet to ground without a machine stop. For information, write Princeton Turf Farms, Inc., Box 392, Union Valley Road, Cranbury, N.J.



Ryder-Roller sod rolling attachment is designed to fit Ryan sod cutter. Operator rides while machine cuts, marks off lengths, rolls, and moves sod aside so that it clears machine allowing for return trip. Maker reports that single operator rides seat of a trailer unit, attached by a pin to a clevis type hitch which is mounted by 6 bolts to back of cutter. All bolts fit into existing bolt holes of the Ryan cutter and cutting, drilling or welding is not necessary for installation. New development of the Ryder-Roller is attachment which fits on the front of the cutter and moves the sod rolls to one side on the return row. Attachment swings 180 degrees for operation on either side. Ryder-Roller fits a Ryan machine with 18-inch cut, and auto-cutoff unit C-8, C-9, or later. For information, write: Merion Sod Farms, Inc., 44533 Sterritt, Utica, Mich. 48087.



Daymon sod roller rolls sod in either one or 1½ square yard rolls. Designed at Emerald Valley Turf Nurseries, Gregory, Mich., the unit has been in use for the past 5 years and is being used throughout the U.S. and Canada. Capacity is 2000 yards per hour. Riding unit requires single operator and transports sod rolls to one side to permit return trips. For information, contact: Daymon Manufacturing Corp., Emerald Valley Turf Nurseries, Gregory, Mich.

Fork lifts and pallets for handling and transporting sod are being widely used. This is true for both rolled, flat, and folded sod. Above fork lift is a tractor-mounted unit by Massey-Ferguson. It is in use on Princeton Turf Farms, Cranbury, N. J. General Manager E. C. Tantum says the tractor is very useful for helping move mired sod trucks and equipment in addition to loading pallets.

