

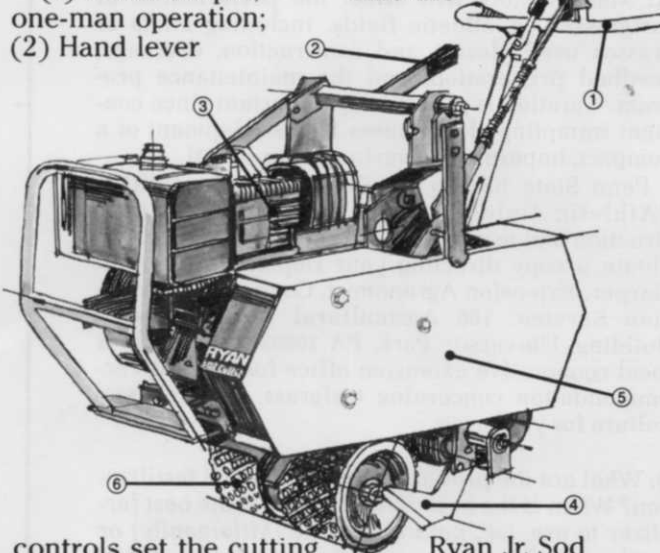
# There just isn't another sod cutter built like Ryan's.

This is the Ryan® Jr. Sod Cutter. The latest in a line that started 24 years ago. Naturally, we've made quite a few improvements since then, but today's Jr. Sod Cutter delivers the same, everyday dependability and reliable performance that made our first model so popular. Here's why.

- (1) It has simple, one-man operation;
- (2) Hand lever

heavy-duty gear box is built to last year after year; (6) Self-propelled action lets you cut up to 135 feet of sod per minute.

With operating costs getting higher all the time, you need to get the most out of every hour's wage you pay. That takes a dependable crew, using dependable equipment. Like the



controls set the cutting depth up to 2½"; (3) A rugged 7-hp engine delivers plenty of power; (4) You can choose 12" or 18" width models; (5) Its

Ryan Jr. Sod Cutter.

Ask your Ryan dealer for a demonstration, and see for yourself how we build a sod cutter.

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## The Jr. Sod Cutter

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# SOD PRODUCER NEWS

## 'Plush' Kentucky bluegrass receives registration

Registration has recently been accepted for 'Plush' Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis* L.)

'Plush' Kentucky bluegrass, developed and released by FFR Cooperativa, is a moderately low growing, leafy, turf-type bluegrass with medium texture, good vigor, persistence, density and aggressiveness, and medium green color. It has demonstrated good resistance to stripe smut and moderately good resistance to leaf spot and stem rust. It is well suited for quality lawns, parks, and sports turf in regions where Kentucky bluegrass is well adapted.

## Natural turf returns to America's athletic fields

The discovery of many disadvantages to playing on plastic turf makes the future look brighter for natural turf on athletic fields.

Owners of athletic complexes with plastic turf have become aware of the intense heat generated on a hot day from plastic turf. It also seems to have increased the injury and infection rates in football games and is almost impossible to play on when a cold drizzle turns to ice.

The Orange Bowl at Miami ripped out its plastic and sodded with a bermuda grass. The University of Minnesota replaced its plastic with a bluegrass blend.

Warren's Turf Nursery of Palos Hills, IL, has seen Candlestick Park in San Francisco replace its plastic with the company's BenSun (A-34) bluegrass. And recently the White Sox in Chicago replaced their plastic with another Warren grass, A-20 bluegrass. Many other major athletic fields in the norther states use Warren grasses.

## Tandem disk still best tool for blending herbicides

In an updated report on weed control, researchers using fluorescent dye found that the tandem disk did an excellent job of incorporating herbicide down to 3 inches following a plow and tandem disk.

Dr. Nathan L. Hartwig, research agronomist at the Pennsylvania State University, and associates also found that blending into the soil was excellent down to 3½ to 4 inches after a chisel plow, and equally effective down to 4½ to 5 inches after plowing.

Control of annual grass and yellow nutsedge was good with the tandem disk. Dr. Hartwig said this tool seems to be the best where both shallow-germinating annual grasses and deeper-germinating yellow nutsedge are problems.