



S-N-G spreader allows virtually hands-free operation; electric motor sealed away from fertilizer and dust; capacity 150 lbs.



Gandy Company spreaders available in three towing widths: 4-ft., 5-ft. and 6-ft.; capacities from 260 lbs. to 390 lbs.; precision cam gauge metering.



Befco spreaders can handle big jobs with models ranging from 891-lb. to 1,957-lb. capacities, spread ranges from 20 to 66 ft.

TIME-SAVING SPREADERS

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When considering push-style spreaders keep in mind that your staff will have to power those walk-behind units, full of material, over sloping terrain or icy walkways.

Here are some rules of thumb on load capacity: a unit with a hopper capacity of 1.75 cu. ft. holds about 100 pounds of fertilizer or 115 pounds of ice melter; boost the hopper capacity to 2.2 cu. ft. and unit capacity jumps to about 130 pounds. That's about as much as most people feel comfortable moving.

If you prefer to think in terms of bags of fertilizer: a 2,000-cu. in. hopper (1.15 cubic feet) holds about 2-1/2 bags of fertilizer. A smaller spreader, with a 1,200 -cu. in. hopper (a tad under 0.75 cubic feet) holds about a bag and a half.

AGRI-FAB
217/728-8388
www.agri-fab.com

Agri-Fab, Sullivan, IL, offers everything from tractor-mount to tow and push-behind models. Its 100-lb. broadcast unit 45-02141 features a poly hopper and optional vinyl cover, an 8- to 10-ft. spread width and pneumatic tires. The 45-02151 is a tow-behind version. Both machines handle enough fertilizer, seed or ice melters to cover about 17,500 sq. ft.

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AMES LAWN & GARDEN
800/725-9500
www.ames.com

Three fully-assembled, all-poly lawn spreaders — including a unit for both broadcast and drop-spreading applications — are available from Ames, Parkersburg, WV. The deluxe combination 2-in-1 Model 2463200 is a drop spreader when the shroud is in the "down" position and a broadcast spreader when the shroud is "up." Flow settings adjust for either an 8-ft. broadcast or the 24-in. drop. Also available are the 246300 broadcast model and the 2463100 drop seeder.

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BEFCO
800/334-6617
www.befco.com

Four sizes of pendular spreaders are available from Befco, Rocky Mount, NC. Models range from a base unit, with 891-lb. capacity, to 1,957 lbs. All feature polyethylene antishock hoppers, stainless steel opening control discs and cast steel antiwear agitators. Units feature spread ranges from 20 to 66 ft.

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GANDY COMPANY 800/443-2476 www.gandy.net

The 6500 series spreaders from Gandy, Owatonna, MN, have precision cam-gauge metering for accuracy and simplicity in gravity flow applications of fertilizer, granular materials and seed. Models are available in three towing widths: 6504, 4-ft. wide, 260-lb. capacity; 6505, 5-ft. wide, 325-lb. capacity; and 6506, 6-ft. wide, 390-lb. capacity.

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HERD SEEDER 219/753-6311 www.herdseeder.com

The Model GT-77 ATV-mounted broadcaster from Herd Seeder, Logansport, IN, has a low-amperage pull on electric motors and is designed especially for fire ant control with Logic/Award. The unit holds 1.2 bushels of material and has factory preset calibration for accurate spreading.

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JOHN DEERE 800/537-8233 www.deere.com

The combination 40-in. aerator/spreader from John Deere, Research Triangle Park, NC, features 100-lb. spreader capacity. Another 100 pounds can be added for 2-in. deep aeration in the unit's weight tray. The spreader handles materials from fine limestone to coarse seeds and fertilizers.

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JONATHAN GREEN 800/526-2303 www.jonathangreen.com

The PrizeLawn BigFoot HVO dual-application model from Jonathan Green, Farmingdale, NJ, features a hinged plate in the hopper bottom that can be configured for fertilizer application or opened for a mass-flow port for mulch, salt and other high-volume products. It carries 100 lbs. of material on 13-in. pneumatic tires. Also available is the PrizeLawn CBR II, with contoured handle, Nylatron GS gears and polypropylene hopper.

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JRCO, INC. 800/966-8442

Electric front-mount Broadcaster Seeder/Spreader from JRCO, Min-

neapolis, MN, fits most commercial walk-behinds and riding mowers. It provides controlled 5- to 24-ft. spread. Hopper capacity is 2.2 cu. ft., ideal for spreading fertilizer, seed, fire-ant bait and ice-melting pellets. The Broadcaster attaches to a mounting bar with four clevis pins and is controlled by the operator.

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LAND PRIDE 785/823-3276 www.landpride.com

Featuring an all-steel frame, frontal splash plate and three hopper sizes, Land Pride broadcast



Land Pride's unit can spread right, left or full 54-ft. swath.

spreaders fit most uses. The 14-gauge hopper, made in Salina, KS, is manufactured for sturdy, one-piece construction. Delivery is adjustable to spread on left, right or full 54-ft. swath. Application rates range from 44 to 890 lbs. per acre with hopper capacities of 350, 563 or 673 lbs.

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LELY CORP. 252/291-7050 www.lelyusa.com

A forced-feeding spread mechanism with specially designed ejector disks and adjustable spread pattern assures accurate spreading up to 52 ft., even at high speeds. Eight broadcast spreaders available from Lely, Wilson, NC, include two ground-driven models, five 3-point hitch pto-driven models and one trailer/pto model, with capacities from the 9.4-cu. ft. to 75-cu. ft. All offer side spreading.

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LESCO 800/321-5325 www.lesco.com

The Mark II Rotary 100-lb. ca-

capacity unit from Lesco, Rocky River, OH, offers a three-position handle assembly. Features include a 5:1 sealed gear box and two pattern adjustment slides for even distribution of products. The cam-operated oscillating agitator sweeps beyond the hole openings in both directions to help eliminate bridging and minimize damage.

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PSB COMPANY 614/228-5781 www.psbcompany.com

The PrizeLawn BigFoot high volume rotary spreader from PSB is designed for application of PennMulch, topdress sand, ice melters, lime and fertilizer. It features a hinged plate configured for normal fertilizer applications that flips out of the way to expose the mass flow port.

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RANSOMES CUSHMAN RYAN 800/228-4444 www.ransomes.com

The Vicon 888401 spreader from Ransomes Cushman Ryan, Lincoln, NE, fits all Turf-Truckster models and is available with spread widths up to 45 ft. and a variety of spouts for special applications. Rotary agitator, with optional extension, keeps even tough products like sand flowing freely, making applications more efficient.

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THE SCOTTS COMPANY 800/543-0006 www.scottscountry.com

AccuPro 2000 from Scotts, Marysville, OH, features 13-in. pneumatic wheels and a patented helical cone for uniform, consistent spread pattern. The 30-lb. unit throws an 8- to 12-ft. swath. The SR-2000, made of stainless steel, weighs two pounds more than the AccuPro.

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S-N-G 800/874-0253

The S-N-G foot control spreader has a direct cabled foot control allowing virtually hands-free operation. Made in Plain City, OH, the polyethylene and stainless steel unit features an electric motor sealed

away from fertilizer and dust. Holding capacity is 150 lbs.

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SP SYSTEMS 800/457-3440 www.spsystems@earthlink.net

The 13-lb., SP 5000 Backpack sprayer from SP Systems, Santa Monica, CA, features a 4-gallon tank of high-density polyethylene with UV inhibitors. Material flows through a 20-in. brass wand through Teejet 11003 and 11004 fan nozzles. It's powered by two 12-volt batteries which give 1 to 6 hours of use before needing AC or DC recharging.

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SPYKER SPREADER 800/972-6130 www.spyker.com

Spyker Spreader Co., North Manchester, IN, features several models with 1-in. stainless steel frames and lifetime warranties on gear boxes. The SP78-22 Pro has a 110-lb. capacity and 80 calibration settings. The unit has a metal gear drive seated in an enclosed gearbox. Other models have capacities from 55 lbs. and up.

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VANDERMOLEN CORP. 973/992-8506

The Windmill 510 spreader from Vandermolen Corp., Livingston, NJ, is for use with Cat-1 type pto drive hitches. Designed specifically for smaller, 16- to 28-hp tractors, it has a 400-lb. granular capacity, a spreading width of 40 ft. and can be used for all types of seed, as well as salt and sand.

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WIKCO INDUSTRIES 402/464-2070 www.wiko.com

The Model 800 Estate Turf Spreader from Wikco, Lincoln, NE, is a tow-behind, ground-driven spreader with a wide wheel base and an all-steel frame. Its non-rust poly hopper holds 9 cu. ft. of material. Internal drag chain helps empty the hopper and break up material. Maximum spread is 15 ft., but it can be adjusted downward when spreading sand or salt.

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