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When you're in the market for a new compact tractor, consider the kinds of accounts where you'll be using it. You'll also want to think about

- > Horsepower.
- > Traction and control;
- Automatic vs. manual transmission;
- > Gas vs. diesel engine;
- > Cutting blade size;
- > Steering system;
- Lift capacity (when outfitted as a loader);
- Rollover protection and , other safety features;
- Ergonomic design to reduce operator fatigue; and
- Attachments from snow plow blades to cup holders

1 Cub Cadet Yanmar

The large chassis of the new Ex450 compact tractor from Cub Cadet Yanmar can accommodate a wide array of attachments, including a front loader with a universal quick-attach bucket, backhoe and three-point implements. Features include a 9x9 transmission, a four-cylinder, 45-hp diesel engine, and a lift capacity of more than 2,400 lbs. www.cubcadetyanmar.com or 877/CUB-5055

Allis-Chalmers

The Allis-Chalmers line has been reintroduced by Briggs & Stratton. The all-new AC130 series of tractors features a 14-in. turning radius, simple pedal operation, and a hydro-automatic transmission. The affordable series includes 42- and 46-in. cutting widths. www.allischalmerslawn.com

Husqvarna

All of Husqvarna's LS Series tractors with 46-in. or greater widths have welded, rein-

forced cutting decks with Air Induction mowing technology. The decks are easy to maintain with the built-in deck wash system, allowing users to simply connect the garden hose to wash the underside. For user comfort, the Husqvarna LS Series has a 15-in.-high back seat, ergonomically arranged controls and step-through design. www.usa.husqvarna.com or 800/HUSKY-62

Montana Tractors

Montana offers a wide range of compact and utility tractors with models ranging from 23 hp to 70 hp. Montana tractors are available in compact 4-wheel-drive models and utility models with a choice of 2- or four-wheel drive. The utility models offer a choice of open station with rollover protection system or wrap-around, high-visibility Big Sky Cab. Implements include front-end loaders, scrapers, pallet forks, rotary cutters, finish mowers, rear tillers, rear blades, yard rakes, box blades, post hole diggers, augers, spreaders, discs, dump trailers, wagons and backhoes. www.montanatractors.com or 800/872-1910

John Deere

The 3000 TWENTY Series offers four models ranging from 30 hp to 44 gross hp with Yanmar Tier Il-compliant diesel engines and turbo-charged performance. The eHydro transmission provides superior speed selection and productivity with no clutching or shifting required. Deere's patented features such as LoadMatch, MotionMatch, SpeedMatch, the new performance tracking system. An automotive-style diagnostic control center, provides operator convenience. www.deere.com or 800/537-8233

Kioti

Kioti introduces the DK75 tractor, featuring a 75-hp, 268.5-cu.-in. turbo-charged diesel engine, mounted to a fully synchronized transmission with 12 gears. www.KIOTI.com or 877/GO-KIOTI

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Snapper

The GT600 subcompact garden tractor features a 27-hp diesel engine and four-wheel drive. The Briggs & Stratton 27-hp Vanguard diesel is a three-cylinder, fuel-injected engine that offers high torque, fuel economy and extended maintenance intervals. The tractor features a 54-in. deep-profile mower with anti-scalp rollers for a precision cut without scalping. www.snapper.com or 888/SNAPPER

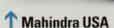
New Holland

As part of New Holland's Lean and Mean series of economy tractors, the three-cylinder, 30-hp T1510 compact tractor can be customized with a choice of transmissions, two-wheel drive or front-wheel

drive axle and other features. The T1510 boasts several standard feature upgrades compared to the TC30 model it replaces, including a foldable ROPS (Roll Over Protective Structure) for height restrictions or special work, two-position extendable drawbar and a fender-mounted cup holder. www.newholland.com or 866/726-3396

Ventrac

The 4200VXD series of compact tractors enhances maneuverability and stability by conforming to the contour of the terrain. Operators can choose either gas or diesel, liquid-cooled engines ranging from 27-hp to a 31-hp TURBO Diesel. More than 30 attachments, designed with Ventrac's Minute Mount System, are available. www. ventrac.com or 866/VENTRAC



Mahindra USA's 2816 model boasts a 28-hp engine and lift capacity of 2,205 lbs. The three-cylinder tractor is ergonomically designed, counting a foldable rollover protection system (ROPS) and four-wheel-drive among its standard features. The 2816 is available in either gear or hydrostatic transmission to meet user needs. www.mahindrausa.com / 800-887-2286

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