### **The Growing Commercial Market**

NO ONE will argue that the cost of materials and labor is climbing at an alarming rate. But is the chain saw industry's growth rate keeping pace?

"The growth rate is tapering off," said Frank McDonald, Pioneer product manager, "but only when measured against the phenomenal 25 to 35 percent annual sales upsurge experienced industry-wide since 1972."

He predicts gasoline-driven chain saws will increase 13 percent this year in North America to 1.7 million units. The farm, professional and commercial segments of the market are expected to increase 10, 5 and 8 percent respectively.

McDonald, also a director of the Power Saw Manufacturers Association, estimates 90,000 saws will be sold this year in the commercial market compared to 72,000 units in 1972.

However, unit sales to the commercial market were down slightly in early 1975 compared to a similar period a year earlier. McDonald attributed the decline to the economic slump and high unemployment, but said marketing research studies project a rebound before the key fall buying season.

The key period will be four months beginning in September when an estimated 51 percent of industrywide sales are expected to be recorded.

Commercial unit sales this year are expected to constitute almost 7 percent of the North American chain saw business. Because commercial saws are operated in work-a-day conditions, the average commercial saw is replaced at least once every 2 years at \$190 minimum.

"The commercial market is a slowly growing segment of the business, but it is dependable and maintains a steady upward curve," McDonald said. "Growth in the commercial field will be influenced by replacement sales plus an increase in the variety of new chain saw uses that are constantly cropping up in the commercial field."

McDonald sees the industry-wide growth as sparked by the high-volume consumer market, which was first penetrated in 1971 with the advent of saws selling under \$140. Low-priced saws enabled consumers to discover the utilitarian value of chain saws around the home, but there is evidence the casual market pipeline is filling up.

A chain saw can last a homeowner a lifetime if he only uses it once or twice a year to cut firewood or trim trees. "That's why the tremendous growth is peaking out. The replacement business isn't as significant as in the commercial segment," said McDonald.

The news from 1974 was good and 1975 looks even better, according to Don Bartelt, general sales manager of the Echo Chain Saw Division of Kioritz Corp. "Our sales were up nearly 200 percent over 1973," Bartelt said. "In 1973 we grew 113 percent."

WEEDS TREES AND TURF recently completed the 1975 Golf Course Market Study and found that the 9,300 golf course superintendents own an average of 1.8 chain saws. Most experts agree that chain saws purchased by superintendents fall within the commercial market.

WEEDS TREES AND TURF also polled leaders in the chain saw industry. We asked the manufacturers to describe their 1975 market forecast. Most respondents agreed that supplies were sufficient to meet market demand. Early 1975 sales indicators were split evenly between steady and down. Only one respondent indicated an upward trend in sales.

We also asked the manufacturers to compare their profit outlook for 1975 to their 1974 net. Most respondents indicated an unchanged profit picture from 1974.

"The New Chain Saw for the Handyman" is the slogan Husqvarna, Inc. has put on the new Husky 35 Chain Saw, priced at \$124.95 and featuring a Phelon ignition and Tillotson all-position carburetor. Another feature is automatic oiling with a manual over-ride. The Husky 35 weighs under seven pounds and has a 2.2 cubic inch, two-cycle engine. Bar lengths are available from 10 to 16 inches. All components are said to be easily accessible under the protective casings, making the chain saw easy to service. Top filling gas and oil caps offer ease in maintenance, according to the manufacturer, and the new chain saw has more gas and fuel capacity over the Husky 22. A recessed starter housing enables the owner to start the saw with ease. A new air direction baffle is said to keep the engine running quieter at a

cooler temperature and there is more room to grip the rear handle with work gloves. According to the manufacturer, the Husky was designed with inexperienced users in mind. The tank and front section are extended to prevent fingers from coming in contact with the chain while sawing. For more details, circle No. 712 on the reply card.



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## THE 1975 CHAIN SAWS

Manufacturer	Model No.	Bar Length (Inches)	Weight (Lbs.)	Engine Size (CID)	Chain (Brand)	Retail Price
Allis-Chalmers	75	14	8.5	2.1	(The grown)	_
P.O. Box 512	75A	14	8.5	2.1		_
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	95	17	13.75	3.6		- 11
	195	17	12.5	3.6	_	- 197
	295	17	12.5	3.6	Re'pr <u>-</u> nots g	-
John Deere	61	10	6.75	2.1	Sabre	\$109.9
John Deere Road	81	12	6.75	2.1	Sabre	134.9
Moline, Illinois 61265	81 (Elec. Start)	14	8.5	2.1	Sabre	169.9
	91	14	6.75	2.1	Sabre	142.9
	14	15	10.0	2.8	Sabre	192.9
	18	17	13.0	3.6	Sabre	212.9
	19	19	13.0	4.0	Sabre	262.9
	23	21	15.5 (Less Guide Bar)	5.0	Sabre	316.9
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Dolmar Maschinen Fabrik	118	15-24	13.0	2.7	Dolmar	256.4
947 W. Foothill Boulevard	122	17-30	16.0	3.8	Dolmar	319.5
Monrovia, California 91016	144	17-36	19.0	5.5	Dolmar	363.2
	α	21-60	23.0	7.4	Dolmar	497.8
Frontier Division	Mkl Automatic	12	6.6	2.2	Sabre	129.9
Quadra Manufacturing, Inc. P.O. Box 491	MkI Anti-Vibe	12	7.2	2.2	Sabre	149.9
Trail, B. C. Canada						
Kioritz Corporation of America	C\$302	.14	8.1	1.83	Oregon	159.9
350 Wainwright Avenue	CS60S	20	15.4	3.75	Oregon	264.9
Northbrook, Illinois 60062	CS451VL	16	11.4	2.7	Oregon	219.9
	CS601SVL	20	14.5	3.7	Oregon	299.9
	CS701SVL	24	14.7	4.31	Oregon	324.9
	CS601S	20	15.0	3.7	Oregon	284.9
McCulloch Corporation	Mini Mac 25	12	6.9	1.8	McCulloch	109.9
5400 Alla Road	Mini Mac 30	12	6.9	1.8	McCulloch	119.9
Los Angeles, California 90066	Mini Mac 35	14	7.1	2.0	McCulloch	139.9
	Power Mac 6A	14	6.9	2.0	McCulloch	169.9
	Mac 10-10A	16	12.4	3.3	McCulloch	209.9
	7-10A	to 28	13.0	4.3	McCulloch	319.9
	Super 250	to 42	20.8	5.3	McCulloch	299.9
	Pro Mac 55	16	12.5	3.5	McCulloch	239.9
	Pro Mac 60	16	13.0	5.8	McCulloch	289.9
	Super Pro 60	16-30	14.7	3.8	McCulloch	299.9
	Super Pro 81	30-36	15.5	5.0	McCulloch	369.9
	Super Pro 105	30-42	22.3	6.5	McCulloch	419.9
	Super Pro 125C	42	22.6	7.5	McCulloch	499.9
	G-70	15 bow	16.9	4.3	McCulloch	359.9

Manufacturer	Model No.	Bar Length (Inches)	Weight (Lbs.)	Engine Size (CID)	Chain (Brand)	Retail Price
Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp.	6205 Electric	16	17.5	2 h.p.	Windsor	169.00
13135 West Lisbon Road	6206 Electric	20	18.5	2 h.p.	Windsor	179.00
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	APS-0-4N-C9	_	8.1	Hydraulic	Windsor	345.00
	APS-0-4N-C12	-	8.5	Hydraulic	Windsor	360.00
	APS-0-5N-C9	_	8.5	Hydraulic	Windsor	350.00
	APS-0-5N-C12	-	8.75	Hydraulic	Windsor	365.00
	APS-0-6N-C9	_	8.9	Hydraulic	Windsor	355.00
	APS-0-6N-C12	_	9.1	Hydraulic	Windsor	370.00
Pioneer Chain Saws	P20	14	10.3	3.14	Pioneer	169.95
Box No. 82409	P25	16	10.4	3.14	Pioneer	184.95
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501	1200A	16-24	13.3	3.546	Pioneer	229.95
	P40	16-28	14.0	4.0	Pioneer	289.95
	P50	16-36	16.5	5.0	Pioneer	329.95
Stanley Hydraulic Tools	7H	12	6.0	Hydraulic	Oregon	
13770 S. E. Ambler Road	7H	12	7.0	Hydraulic	Oregon	424.00
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Skil Corporation	1610	12	7.6	2.2		134.99
5033 Elston Avenue	1612	16	7.6	2.2		144.99
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	041	13-25	12.0	3.72	Stihl	_
	041AV	13-25	12.5	3.72	Stihl	-
	041AVE	13-25	12.5	3.72	Stihl	-
	041G	13-25	15.0	3.72	Stihl	-
	045AV	13-25		4.6	Stihl	—
	051AV	17-32	18.5	5.5	Stihl	-
	070	17-41	22.5	6.5	Stihl	-
	075AVE	21-60	21.0	6.7	Stihl	-
	090G	17-41	26.0	6.5	Stihl	-
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	E-10 (Electric)	10, 12	8.8		Stihl	—
	E-15 (Electric)	13, 17, 20	18 w/13''	2.6 h.p.	Stihl	_
	E-30 (Electric)	to 60	30 w/17''	3.7 h.p.	Stihl	

### New Products



STUMP REMOVER: Full Vision, Inc. has introduced its Eager Beaver stump remover that is said to remove a stump in 15 to 30 minutes, depending on diameter, coarseness and dryness of stump. The quick-change blade has six carbide cutting points that attack the stump simultaneously at three cutting levels, and can excavate the stump up to eight inches below ground level. Eager Beaver's features include a locking kickstand for operator and blade protection, a flexible safety shield that encircles the cutting area, a protective screen that covers the top and handles that pivot over the main body for compact transportation. The 180-lb. unit is powered by an 8 hp four-cycle engine with controls located on the handle.

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PNEUMATIC TIRES: Zedron, Inc. has introduced its Dura-Tech tire for use on compact tractors, riding mowers, snow throwers, and other terrain and utility vehicles. According to the manufacturer, Dura-Tech's single component construction is an engineering breakthrough in tire design and elastomer technology. The pneumatic tire is a homogenous, one-piece continuous airtight structure made from a strong thermoplastic elastomer compound. Manufacture of the Dura-Tech tire, which does not use wire beads and fabric cords, is said to require 40 to 60 percent less raw materials than the conventional tire. Dura-Tech is available in a variety of colors and is totally recyclable.

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QUIET-PLUS ENGINES: Kohler Co. has a new "Quiet-Plus" line of engines designed to reduce engine sound levels. The seven models, modified versions of standard Kohler engines, include oneand two-cylinder models and range from 7.5 to 22 hp. The Quiet-Plus models have a special shrouding to adapt them for closed compartment installations — under garden tractor hoods or enclosed in the bodies of golf or utility cars - and an improved cooling fan which forces a high volume of air over the engine. Sound level is reduced mainly by subduing exhaust and air intake noise with a high-efficiency muffler and carburetor intake system that draws air from within the shrouding. Other features include asymmetric blade spacing on cooling fan to reduce fan noise, universal access on shroud for Bowden wires to choke and throttle controls and internally-vented crankcase breather which reduces emissions of unburned hydrocarbons. At speeds up to 2400 RPM, Quiet-Plus engines have the same output as standard Kohler models.

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#### Connecticut Scientists Study Efficiency of Photosynthesis

Connecticut scientists are working to keep plants from wasting the sun's energy.

Research at the Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven, Conn., are studying photosynthesis and are trying to produce more efficient plant varieties. Israel Zelitch, chief of the Station's Biochemistry Department estimates that some crop yields could be increased 50 percent by reducing excessive respiration. Station scientists are studying the chemical mediators that regulate the processes of respiration in plants. "Some of this respiration is essential, but a considerable part is wasteful and could be eliminated," Zelitch said.<sup>A</sup>



Ancient remedies and several new discoveries of natural insecticide compounds derived from plants are reviewed in a new book issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). For example, a substance extracted from the leaves of the chinaberry tree kills corn earworms and fall armyworms. Some plants also contain compounds effective against insects that do not attack plants. In one study, scientists killed several species of ticks in less than four minutes by exposing the pests to powdered garlic. Other researchers found that cardol and anacardic acid from the nutshells of cashews killed mosquito larvae as well as grain weevils and caterpillars. English ivy leaves have been used since antiquity to destroy vermin of the body. An extract of the ivy bark, used as a spray, failed to kill house flies or yellow fever mosquitoes. Altogether, more than 500 studies conducted between 1954 and 1971 are reviewed. Copies of the Agriculture Handbook No. 461, "Insecticides From Plants," are available for \$2 each from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

The January monthly fertilizer tonnage report issued by the University of Missouri-Columbia shows a total of 1,739 tons of non-farm fertilizer shipped. Total shipment for fiscal year 1974-75 was 608,259 tons.

Is the real thing better than a photo? Who actually gets more out of a situation — the person who sees it first-hand or one who views it in a photograph or slide? There's really not much difference, according to a recent U. S. Forest Service Study, if the photograph shows the entire scene. Three groups of respondents were tested. One saw the actual scenes, another viewed color slides and a third saw color photos. Reactions were recorded on a set of adjective scales and compared both graphically and statistically. The researchers found that a scene with "natural" content elicited similar on-and-off site responses. So the next time you're sitting in on an educational session and the speaker turns off the lights and flips on the slide projector just remember that it's almost as nice as being there in person.

An outdoor pest control program aimed at controlling the dreaded malaria mosquito has been launched by USDA scientists in El Salvador. Using the sterile male technique, scientists hope to release sterile males into the natural population in such large numbers that they, and not the virile males, mate with a large portion of the females. If the area is large enough or isolated to keep immigration of fertile insects at a minimum, no progeny develop. Thus insect populations are drastically reduced and the disease transmission cycle interrupted. According to present plans, the study will run for 2-and-one-half years. The first year will be devoted to preliminary studies of mosquito biology, working out techniques, establishing a mosquito colony, training nationals to operate the program and in general getting the essentials of the program underway. The full scale program will go into effect the second year.

Taking the stink out of composting sewage sludge are a couple of ARS researchers, Dr. Eliot Epstein and George B. Wilson. Their technique involves controlled aeration from beneath the sludge, pulling interior temperatures up from a minimum of 130 degrees F to as high as 185 degrees F. Woodchips are mixed with the sludge at a ratio of three parts chips to one part sludge before composting to improve drafting through the pile. Each pile is covered with a blanket of pre-dried screened sludge compost which prevents odors from escaping to the atmosphere. The cover of screened compost is also an insulating layer providing more uniform temperature distribution throughout the pile. Previous studies showed that temperatures obtained by this composting technique kill most human pathogens. Additional studies are being conducted on virus and bacterial survival during composting. Past experiments in composting sludge brought protest from nearby citizens and passing motorists.

Converted air pollution monitoring equipment is being used by a crop physiologist in the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska to identify an effective herbicide and show how it works. Dr. Lowell Klepper has modified an early model monitoring devise and is using it to monitor nitrogen dioxide gas given off by a leaf of a plant treated with an herbicide. With his equipment, one person can test 50 chemicals per day for herbicidal action. Commercial tests now take several days for each chemical, he said. The souped-up monitor can also measure herbicide penetration.

Okay, we all know about insect sex attractants. And we know some insects give off chemical signals that turn off certain unwanted suitors. But now scientists are using these facts to develop additional alternatives to pesticides for insect pest control. Control strategies are possible in two directions - attractions and inhibition or disruption. First of all, the synthetic pheromone may be used to attract insects to a bait laced with small amounts of pesticides in a trap. Another is using the attractant to confuse - an area permeated with the pheromone so males cannot tell exactly where females are. These studies and others will determine the effectiveness of male trapping in population suppression and will be used to evaluate the effect of migration and other factors in any future control program.

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