New Farm Equipment – Hay Roller



In mid-August, our legacy hay roller, a used New Holland unit that we acquired a number of years ago, stopped functioning completely (belts would no longer move). We have been nursing this unit along for years, with increasing levels of maintenance and adjustment to force it to work just a little longer. To repair and restore the legacy unit, we were looking at an unreasonable investment in a piece of machinery that has reached the end of its service life, accompanied by the challenge we always face: The lack of available and accessible qualified service facilities to rapidly analyze the failure(s) and to perform the work that we cannot do ourselves.





We took a deep breath, looked to God for provision, and made the decision we had long been delaying. We purchased a new Vermeer Hay Roller. We did our research to identify a durable unit to acquire, and have carefully studied the operating and maintenance manuals before the unit hit the fields. We are committed to a program of operation and maintenance that will ensure a long and predominantly trouble-free life. We also purchased in advance a replacement set of bearings and chains that minimize downtime just when the equipment is most needed.

A generous donor rapidly provided $5K in ‘seed money’ toward this purchase, allowing the Settlement to be able to make an initial $10K down payment against the $28K (gulp) purchase price. The $18K balance is currently funded by a 4-year zero interest loan with no prepayment penalty. We hope to quickly retire this loan, as the Lead Team continues to be, by principle, committed to operate the Settlement with no debt load.

If you would like to help us rapidly satisfy this loan balance, you can do so by either mailing a check to the Settlement and designating Farm Support Fund in the memo line, or via our secure eGiving portal at https://www.hendersonsettlement.com/online-giving.html. Any balance we receive in excess of what is needed to retire the remaining loan balance will be used to support ongoing Farm operations.