



Finding Aid for

**FORD TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT LITERATURE COLLECTION,  
1917-1986 (bulk 1948-1962)  
Accession 179**

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## OVERVIEW

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**ACCESSION NUMBER:** 179

**CREATOR:** Ford Motor Company Archives

**TITLE:** Ford Tractor and Implement Literature collection

**INCLUSIVE DATES:** 1917-1986

**BULK DATES:** 1948-1962

**QUANTITY:** 7.4 cubic ft.

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are primarily in English. Among the other languages represented are Danish, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Ukrainian.

**ABSTRACT:** The intentionally assembled collection contains product literature and parts and service publications for Ford tractors, implements, and accessories.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

- ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The collection is open for research.
- COPYRIGHT:** Copyright has been transferred to the Henry Ford by the donor. Copyright for some items in the collection may still be held by their respective creator(s).
- ACQUISITION:** Ford Motor Company Archives donation, 1964 and ongoing.
- RELATED MATERIAL:** Related material held by The Henry Ford:
- Ferguson v. Ford records subseries, 1914-1950 (bulk 1939-1950). Accessions 375 and 380.
  - Affiliated Companies records series, Henry Ford & Son, Inc. records subseries, 1915-1923. Accessions 670, 785, 787, and 791.
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## **HISTORICAL NOTE**

Henry Ford had a personal interest in tractors and began building experimental tractors in the early 1900s. He wanted to mass produce a tractor for farmers that was light, sturdy, and affordable. Ford demonstrated tractors at state fairs with much success. In England, British officials were interested in using Ford tractors to help alleviate World War I food shortages.

In response, Henry Ford established Henry Ford & Son, Inc.; began mass producing the Fordson tractor at his Brady Street plant in Dearborn, Michigan; and during 1917 and 1918, shipped the tractors to England. In 1919, the first Fordson tractor was produced in Cork, Ireland. After Henry Ford bought out Ford Motor Company minority stockholders in 1919, Ford dissolved Henry Ford & Son, Inc. and transferred the manufacturing and sale of Fordson tractors to Ford Motor Company. Production continued in Cork until the end of 1921 when it was shifted to the new Rouge plant in Dearborn, Michigan. Fordson tractors were produced at the Rouge plant until 1928. In 1929, all Fordson tractor production was transferred to Cork, Ireland. In 1933, production of the Fordson tractor moved from Cork to Dagenham, England. From 1929 to 1938, tractors built in Cork, Ireland, and Dagenham, England were sold in the United Kingdom and exported to the United States.

In 1938, Henry Ford entered into a verbal agreement with Harry Ferguson to produce a Ford tractor with a three point implement hitch called the "Ferguson System." Based on the Ford-Ferguson agreement, the 9N tractor was marketed by the Ferguson-Sherman Company, and later Harry Ferguson, Inc. Production of the 9N Ford tractor at the Rouge plant in Dearborn began in 1939 and ceased in 1942 due to World War II. The 9N Ford tractor was replaced by the 2N Ford tractor from 1942 to 1947 and later the 8N from 1947 to 1952. In 1947, Henry Ford II terminated the Ford-Ferguson agreement and established Dearborn Motors Corporation to distribute Ford tractors and implements. In 1953, Ford Motor Company assumed the distribution of Ford tractors and implements and established the Ford Tractor Division.

In 1953, the NAA Golden Jubilee Ford tractor was introduced in honor of Ford Motor Company's 50th anniversary. In 1954, Ford Tractor Operations was reorganized into the Tractor and Implement Division. In 1955, Ford Motor company offered five new models, which was the first time the company produced multiple tractor models in one year. In 1962, Tractor and Implement Operations (U.S.) was formed, which was responsible for the design, manufacture, and distribution of Ford tractors and equipment for farm and industrial uses. In 1965, Ford Motor Company began producing lawn and garden tractors. In 1974, new "walk behind lawn mowers" were introduced. In 1986, Ford Motor Company acquired Sperry New Holland, merged it with Ford Tractor Operations, and created a new separate company called Ford New Holland, Inc.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Ford Tractor and Implement Literature collection is an intentionally assembled collection that is arranged into two series. The **Ford Tractor Product Literature series**, circa 1917-1986 (2.2 cubic ft.), consists of sales and promotional materials used to market and sell Ford agricultural equipment. The series is arranged into five subseries. The **Tractors subseries**, 1922-1986 (1.2 cubic ft.), includes product literature for County, Ford, and Fordson tractors. The product literature for Ford tractors includes farm tractors, industrial tractors, and lawn and garden tractors. The **Implements subseries**, 1922-1986 (0.4 cubic ft.), includes product literature for the following farm implement makes: Big Blue, Covington, Danuser, Dearborn, Dearborn-Peoria, Dearborn-Wood Bros., Ford, Fordson, Taylor, and Towner. The product literature for implements includes blades, combines, corn pickers, corn planters, cultivators, harrows, hay balers, lime and fertilizer spreaders, loaders, manure spreaders, middlebusters, mowers, plows, post hole diggers, rakes, scoops, snow removal equipment, subsoilers, wagons, and other agricultural implements. The **Parts and Accessories subseries**, 1950-1985 (0.2 cubic ft.), includes product literature for parts and accessories used on tractors and implements. The **Foreign Language subseries**, circa 1917-1955 (0.2 cubic ft.), includes product literature for Ford and Fordson tractors printed in Danish, Dutch, French, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, and Ukrainian. Product literature for Ford New Holland, Inc. is not included in this collection. See the trade catalog collection for product literature for tractors, implements, and accessories produced by Ford New Holland, Inc. The **Dealer Services subseries**, 1917-1985 (0.2 cubic ft.), consists of promotional material and sales aids directed at tractor dealers to assist in selling tractors, implements, and service parts

The **Ford Tractor Parts and Service series**, 1917-1984 (5.2 cubic ft.), consists of service publications, technical information, and parts lists for the maintenance and repair of Ford agricultural equipment. The series is arranged into four subseries. The **Tractor subseries**, 1917-1984 (2.6 cubic ft.), includes operators' manuals, parts catalogs, service manuals, service warranties, and other parts and service literature for Ford and Fordson tractors. The **Implements subseries**, 1947-1962 (1.6 cubic ft.), includes master parts books, temporary parts lists, assembly and operating instructions and other parts and service literature for the following farm implement makes: Danuser, Dearborn, Dearborn-Peoria, Dearborn-Wood Bros., Ford, Litchfield, Taylor, and Towner. Types of implements included are: blades, combines, corn pickers, corn planters, cultivators, harrows, hay balers, lime and fertilizer spreaders, loaders, manure spreaders, middlebusters, mowers, plows, post hole diggers, scoops, snow removal equipment, subsoilers, wagons, and other agricultural implements. The **Parts and Accessories subseries**, circa 1927-1984 (0.6 cubic ft.), includes parts and service literature for parts and accessories used on tractors and implements. The **Foreign Language subseries**, circa 1917-1938 (0.4 cubic ft.), includes parts and service literature for Ford and Fordson tractors printed in Arabic, Bulgarian, Chinese, Danish, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish, and Turkish.

## **SUBJECT TERMS**

### Names, Personal and Corporate

Ford Motor Company. Ford Tractor Division.  
Ford Motor Company. Ford Tractor Operations.  
Ford Motor Company. Tractor & Implement Division.  
Ford Motor Company. Tractor & Implement Operations.  
Ford Motor Company. Tractor Division.  
Henry Ford & Son, Inc.

### Subjects

Agricultural implements  
County tractors  
Farm equipment  
Farm tractors  
Ford tractors  
Fordson tractors  
Garden tractors  
Industrial power trucks  
Lawn mowers  
Lawn tractors  
Tractor industry

### Genre and Form

Publications.

## BOX AND FOLDER LISTING

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### PRODUCT LITERATURE

#### Tractors

**Box 1**

County, 1972  
Ford  
1939, 1947, 1951-1961 (14 folders)

**Box 2**

1962-1970, 1972-1974, 1980-1983 (16 folders)

**Box 3**

1984-1986 (4 folders)  
Fordson, 1922, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1937, 1954-1959, 1961 (12 folders)

#### Implements

**Box 4**

Big Blue  
Forage Wagons, 1972  
Manure Spreader, 1972  
Covington, Planters, 1953-1954  
Danuser  
All Purpose Blade, 1953  
Driver and Breaker, 1955  
Post Hole Digger, 1953, 1956  
Dearborn  
Angle Dozer, 1949  
Cordwood Saw, 1950, 1953, 1958  
Corn Planters, 1953  
Cotton Harvester, 1953  
Cultivators, 1953  
Elevator, 1956  
Forage Harvesters, 1953, 1955  
Harrows  
Bush and Bog, 1949, 1951, 1956  
Disc, 1953-1955  
Spring Tooth, 1949  
Hay Balers, 1952, 1955  
Lime & Fertilizer Spreaders, 1953-1956  
Loaders  
General, 1953, 1955  
Industrial, 1953  
Rear Mounted, 1953-1954  
Manure Spreader, 1953

**PRODUCT LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements**

Dearborn (continued)

**Box 4 (continued)**

Material Handling Equipment, 1953

Middlebuster, 1949

Mowers

Rear Attached, 1954-1955

Side Mounted, 1953, 1956-1957

Plows

Disc, 1953

General, 1953

Moldboard, 1953

One Way, 1949

Power Equipment, 1954

Rotary Cutter, 1954

Rotary Hoe, 1953-1954

Scoop, 1949, 1954

Side Delivery Rake, 1953

Snow Removal Equipment, 1953

Subsoiler, 1953

Sweep Rake, 1949

Utility Blade, 1953

Wagon, 1953

Weeder, 1948

Windrower, 1957

Dearborn-Peoria, Fertilizer Grain Drill, 1952

Dearborn-Wood Bros.

Combines, 1953

Corn Harvester, 1953

Corn Harvester and Corn Picker, 1958

Corn Picker, 1953-1955

Ford

Angle Dozer and Blade Snow Plow, 1956, 1957

Blades, 1956-1958, 1975

Combines, 1955, 1957-1958, 1969, 1971

Corn Harvester, 1955-1956, 1958

Corn Pickers, 1955, 1958, 1961

Corn Planter, 1956

Cultivators, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959, 1964, 1970, 1977, 1984

Cultivators, Planter Attachments, Fertilizer Attachments, 1956

Disc Tiller, 1956, 1958

Forage Harvesters, 1958, 1971, 1980

Fork Lift Personnel Platform, 1963

Grain and Forage Blower, 1958

**PRODUCT LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements (continued)**

**Box 4 (continued)**

Ford (continued)

Harrows

Disc, 1955-1957, 1959, 1963, 1972, 1978, 1984

Lift-Type, 1958

Spring Tooth, 1956, 1958, 1964

Hay Balers, 1955-1959, 1970, 1979

Haying Equipment, 1982

Implements, 1957

Loaders, 1955-1958, 1963, 1972, 1982

Manure Spreaders, 1957

Materials Moving Equipment, 1985

Middlebuster, 1958

Mower-Conditioner, 1980

**Box 5**

Mowers, 1955-1956, 1958, 1980, 1985

Mowers and Rakes, 1971

Picker Sheller, 1958

Planters, 1956, 1957, 1970, 1981

Planters and Cultivators, 1958

Plows

Chisel, 1973, 1984

Disc, 1956, 1958

General, 1955

Moldboard, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1963, 1972, 1978, 1982

One Way, 1956

Variable Width, 1981

Post Hole Digger, 1957, 1959

Rakes

Pull-Type, 1973

Side Delivery, 1955-1956, 1958, 1960

Rear Tool Bar Equipment, 1956-1957

Rotary Cutters, 1955-1957, 1966, 1982, 1985, 1986

Rotary Hoes, 1958

Scoop, Reversible, 1956, 1958

Snow Equipment, 1956

Soil Keeper, 1980

Soil Moving Equipment, 1963

Subsoilers, 1955, 1957, 1979, 1984

V-Chisel, 1978

Wagon, 1955

**PRODUCT LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements (continued)**

**Box 5 (continued)**

Fordson  
Moldboard Plow, 1955  
Snow Plow, 1922  
Taylor, Disc Tiller, 1953  
Towner, Implements, 1950

**Parts and Accessories**

Big Blue, 1972  
Dearborn, 1950-1953  
Dearborn-Wood Bros., 1951-1952  
Ford  
Accessories & Special Items for Your Ford Tractor, 1954, 1956, 1958-1959  
Air Compressors, 1981  
Battery Charger, 1980  
Compact Loader Options, 1984  
Cover Boards, 1955  
Gasoline Engines, 1961  
Half Cabs, 1955, 1957, 1959  
Hydraulic & Loader Oils, 1957  
Lift Systems, 1959  
Load Monitor, 1973, 1979  
Log Splitter, 1985  
Portable Heater, 1985  
Rollover Structures, 1985  
Roseman Tiller Rake Attachment, 1957  
Select-O-Speed Transmission, 1959  
Stablizer Pad, 1985  
Tailored Tracton, 1956  
Torque Converter, 1966  
Kelly, 1953  
Sherman, 1961

**Foreign Language**

Ford Tractors, Russian, 1955  
Fordson Tractors  
Danish, circa 1920s-1930s  
Dutch, circa 1917-1949  
French, circa 1920s  
Japanese, circa 1917-circa 1938  
Portuguese, circa 1920s  
Russian, 1922-1925  
Spanish, circa 1920s-1930s  
Swedish, 1948

**PRODUCT LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Foreign Language (continued)**

Fordson Tractors (continued)

**Box 5 (continued)**

Ukrainian, 1925

**Dealer Services**

**Box 6**

Advertising Planner, 1985

Annual Dealer Sales Programs

Dealer Sweepstakes, 1951

Big Game, 1953

Selling Bowl, 1958

Power Packed Ford Tractor, 1958

Fordowner Subscription Form and Promotional Literature, circa 1917-1920

Registration Card, 1960

**PARTS AND SERVICE LITERATURE**

**Tractors**

**Box 7**

Ford

Multiple Years

1939-1950

1939-1953

1939-1954

1939-1956

**Box 8**

Single Years

1942, 1946-1950, 1952 (10 folders)

**Box 9**

1953-1956 (7 folders)

**Box 10**

1957-1962, 1964-1965, 1967-1970 (12 folders)

**Box 11**

1971-1973, 1975-1983 (13 folders)

**Box 12**

1984 (3 folders)

Fordson

1917-1927 (11 folders)

**Box 13**

1928-1931, 1933-1935, 1937, 1939, 1951, 1957 (12 folders)

**Implements**

Danuser

All Purpose Blades, 1952, 1954, 1956

Driver and Breaker, 1954

**PARTS AND SERVICE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements (continued)**

**Box 13 (continued)**

Danuser (continued)  
Post Hole Digger, 1952, 1954  
Dearborn  
Angle Broom, 1961  
Cordwood Saw, 1955  
Corn Planter, 1952  
Cotton Harvester, 1953  
Cultivators, 1953-1955, 1957  
Cultivators, Rotary Hoes, and Weeders, 1951  
Earthcavator, 1958  
Economy Blade, 1954-1955  
Economy Scraper, 1958  
Elevator, 1956  
Fertilizer Grain Drill, 1956  
Forage Harvesters, 1953

**Box 14**

Harrows  
Bush and Bog, 1953-1955  
Disc, 1953-1955  
General, 1952  
Hay Baler, 1953-1954  
Landscraper, 1958  
Lime and Fertilizer Spreader, 1953-1954  
Lister Planters and Listed Crop Cultivator, 1950  
Loaders  
General, 1953-1954  
Industrial, 1953  
Rear-Mounted, 1951, 1953  
Manure Spreader, 1952  
Middlebuster, 1949  
Mowers  
Rear Attached, 1955  
Rear Attached and Side Mounted, 1953  
Side Mounted, 1948, 1950, 1956, 1961  
Planters, 1950, 1952  
Plows  
Disc, 1952, 1956-1957  
General, 1952  
One-Way, 1952  
Two-Way, 1948  
Rotary Hoe, 1948  
Scoop, 1953  
Self-Propelled Windrower, 1957-1958

**PARTS AND SERVICE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements (continued)**

**Box 15**

Side Delivery Rake, 1951  
Snow Plow, 1947  
Soil Pulverizers, 1949  
Sweep Rake, 1951  
Tillit, 1960  
Universal Frame, Angle Dozer, Blade Snow Plow, "V" Snow Plow, Utility  
Blade, Scoop, 1949  
Wagon, 1949, 1953  
Dearborn-Peoria, Fertilizer Grain Drill, 1951-1953  
Dearborn-Wood Bros.  
Combines, 1949, 1954  
Corn Harvesters, 1956  
Corn Pickers, 1956  
Corn Pickers and Corn Harvesters, 1952  
Ford  
Backhoes, 1959-1961  
Blades, 1955, 1957, 1960  
Combines, 1957, 1960-1961 (2 folders)

**Box 16**

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Corn Pickers and Corn Harvesters, 1956, 1959, 1961  
Cranes, 1956  
Cultivators, 1956-1961  
Cultivators, Planters and Attachments, 1956  
Disc Tillers and One Way Plow, 1956  
Dozers, 1960  
Forage Harvesters, 1958, 1960  
Fork Lift, 1960  
Grain and Forage Blower, 1957  
Harrows  
Disc, 1956-1957, 1962  
Spring Tooth, 1956, 1960, 1962  
Hay Balers, 1957-1961  
Hay Conditioners, 1960, 1962  
Loaders  
Farm, 1960  
General, 1955  
Industrial, 1955-1956, 1958, 1960-1961  
Heavy-Duty, 1960  
Rear-Mounted, 1956  
Standard, 1955, 1957  
Standard and Heavy Duty, 1956  
Manure Spreaders, 1957-1958, 1960

**PARTS AND SERVICE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Implements (continued)**

**Box 16 (continued)**

Middlebuster, 1958

**Box 17**

Mowers

Flail, 1962

Rear-Attached, 1956-1958

Rotary, 1957

Picker-Sheller, 1957-1959

Pickup Sweeper, 1961

Planters, 1957, 1960, 1961

Plows

Disc, 1956, 1960

Economy, 1956

Moldboard, 1956-1960

Single-Bottom, 1955

Post Hole Digger, 1956

Rotary Cutter, 1956, 1958, 1961

Rotary Hoe, 1958

Scoop, 1955, 1961-1962

Sheller, 1961

Side Delivery Rake, 1960-1961

Straw Chopper, 1958

Subsoiler, 1956

Tool Bar Equipment, 1956

Tool Carrier and Subsoiler, 1960

Litchfield, Manure Spreader, 1951

Taylor, Disc Tiller, 1952

Towner

Chisel, 1948

Disc Ridger, 1948

Trip Dump Scraper, 1948

**Parts and Accessories**

Covington, 1951, 1956

Dearborn, 1951-1954

Dearborn-Wood Bros., 1950, 1954

circa 1927, 1954-1956

**Box 18**

1957-1962, 1976, 1979-1980, 1983-1984

Fordson, 1956-1957

Kelly, 1949-1950, 1952

**PARTS AND SERVICE LITERATURE (CONTINUED)**

**Parts and Accessories (continued)**

**Foreign Language**

**Box 19**

Fordson Tractors

- Arabic, circa 1917-1938
- Bulgarian, 1930
- Chinese, 1930
- Danish, circa 1928-1930
- Finnish, 1931
- French, circa 1917-1938
- German, circa 1926, 1934
- Greek, circa 1930
- Hungarian, 1930
- Italian, circa 1917-1938
- Polish, 1926
- Romanian, circa 1926
- Russian, 1925-1927
- Slovakian, circa 1926
- Spanish, 1930
- Turkish, 1930