

Yoder Equipment



By Jay Franzen

A common question that comes up frequently when discussing draft horses with people outside of the draft horse industry is, "Where do you get horse drawn equipment?"

Those of you that are in the draft horse industry know the answer to this question - but others don't know, don't care, or assume we all use 100 year old equipment that we pulled out of a fence line somewhere in the pasture. Yes, there are a lot of very old horse drawn implements still in use which are purchased at farm sales, handed down from family and/or purchased at annual draft horse equipment auctions - and many of these old implements still work just fine. There are also horse drawn equipment and/or implement dealers all over the country, most of which are in the Amish communities for the obvious reason.

We have a few draft horse equipment dealers here in our state. One of these is Yoder Equipment, just one mile west of Bloomfield in southeast Iowa. Ivan Yoder started this business several years ago and as a result of the service he provides, the quality of his work and availability of new and used implements, he has become a vital resource for numerous horse farmers as well as the hobby draft horse owner.

Yoder has gained a reputation as a machinist, welder and mechanic for all types of horse drawn farm equipment. He is a dealer for new horse drawn farm implements made by Pioneer, White Horse, Lancaster, I & J, plus several other companies. Because of this, Yoder Equipment is well known by serious horse farmers in Iowa, Missouri and Illinois as "the place to go" if you're

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Here's Maury Telleen taking a look at a new White Horse hydraulic forecart while surrounded by new wooden tongues, seats, wheel barrows and other essential farm supplies.

looking for horse drawn farm equipment.

Yoder Equipment can fix it, re-build it, find you a used or new implement or customize modern farm implement to be used with draft horses.

Having a horse drawn equipment dealer/mechanic is essential to any horse farmer or horse farming community - just as having a local John Deere or Case dealer is vital to any modern farmer. You need a place to go for parts, advice, repairs, purchase new or used equipment, etc. Stop by and see who else may be there on that day so you can discuss the current weather situation, crop forecast and maybe who has purchased a new 2010 Pioneer plow and how they adjusted the line of draft so that new plow pulls easily, evenly and smoothly. Yoder Equipment, as well as other horse drawn equipment shops can be a very educational environment. Pay attention and listen while you're there and you can be sure to come away with some new information on horse farming.

If you're near Bloomfield, stop by and look over the inventory - it's worth a stop.

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Maury is "taking it easy" in the shop on one of Ivan's current projects - rebuilding this old horse drawn spreader. Yoder Equipment specializes in rebuilding old manure spreaders – no matter what shape they're in.



There is always a good selection of eveners, neck yokes, mower parts, spreader parts, etc.

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October 25-30 is a week you do not want to miss, as the 14th World Percheron Congress will take place at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. No doubt, many plans are currently in the making. Prospective exhibitors are feverishly preparing halter horses, assembling hitches or striving to raise that special foal to compete. The PHAA staff and Board of Directors have been and are doing all that is in their power to make this a most spectacular event. It goes without saying that everyone's main focus is on the Percheron horses and what will happen in that show ring.

We are all excited about seeing some of the best modern-day horses all in one location. This will be a prime place to plan which horses you want to include in your breeding program next year. There will be opportunities to watch plowing, riding, halter and hitch classes. COME SEE FOR YOURSELF!

—Jerry Hancock, Director, PHAA
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