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Bybee Farms Testimonial (*excerpt taken from the July 2003 issue of Tiller Focus*)

I recently spoke with Neal Bybee of Bybee Farms, LLC. Bybee Farms is a 4,000 acre farming operation that Clyde Bybee began in 1976 after moving to Prosser, WA. Clyde and his son Neal farm their land together. They currently raise four rotational crops, in as many years. Those crops, in the order they are planted are: grass seed, onion, sugar beets, and sweet corn. They can have up to 60 seasonal employees in any given year and have 26 full time employees.

Obviously the ground needs to be prepared between crops. Preparing the ground for the onion rotation is the most time consuming because it follows the grass seed crop. When tearing out the remaining sod, they run two or three passes with the Northwest Tiller, where other machines would require additional passes to break up the sod and mulch it back into the soil.

Neal states that the Northwest Tiller is the most dependable machine they have. It is also the most convenient to work on, should the need arise. Neal also stated that he appreciates that parts are available locally.

In years past, Bybee Farms have purchased tillers from our competitors, only to realize that for an operation of their size, they truly need the ruggedness and durability that only a Northwest Tiller can provide.

When I asked Neal how long he thought the Northwest took to pay for itself in operational cost savings, he remarked that they ran a Northwest Tiller for 2,500 acres without incident. When they ran a competitors machine for just 250 acres they experienced problems with the Gear Box. So, just in the dependability of the Northwest Tiller, he feels the machine has paid for itself many times over.

One Tough Tiller