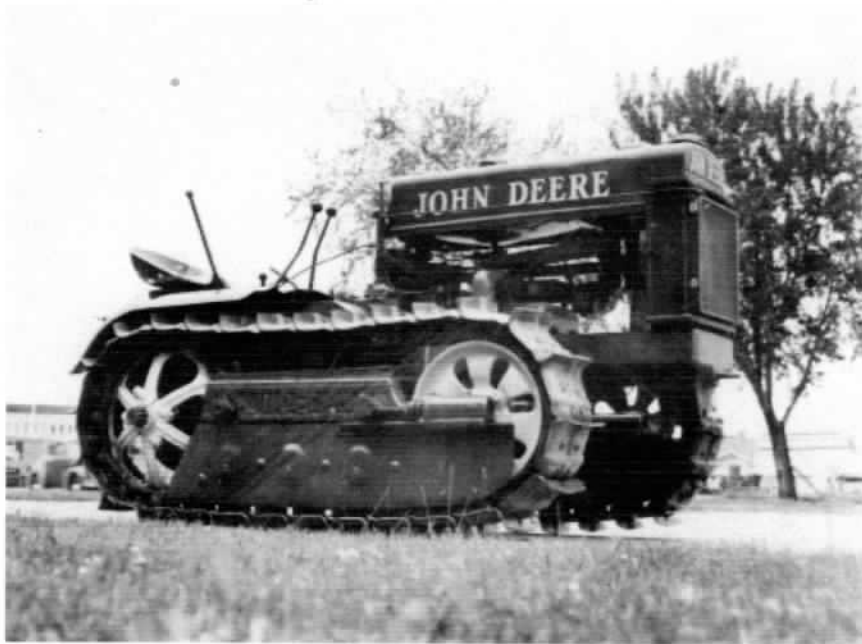
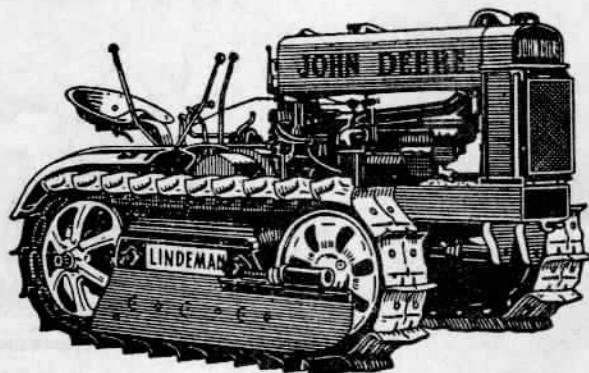


***The old trator wasn't that
cheep after all !!!***



Cass Flagg and Hyler Bracey

Below is an ad that ran in a newspaper in the year 1945



How Come?

Twenty years of selling tractors, running tractors in valley fields, following tractors, watching them, repairing them, gave us the experience and knowledge of their needs which is now built into this tractor.

LINDEMAN-JOHN DEERE CRAWLER-TRACTOR

What Is It?

A crawler tractor of 16 h. p.—18 h. p. built complete in our plant around the thrifty and famous John Deere Power Plant and four-speed transmission.

What Has It?

- Finger-tip clutch steering, without foot brakes.
- Adjustable Tread.
- Low Head Clearance for Orchard Work
- Ample Ground Clearance for Plowing, Etc.
- Simplicity
- Economy—(About \$1 per day operation cost)
- Versatility—Available with hydraulic lift fixtures for bull-dozer, leveler blade, special fruit and hop implements.

Who Has Them?

- L. E. Bounds, Wide Hollow
- C. M. Hull, Ahtanum
- Yakima Fruit Growers Assn., Wapato
- Curtis C. Aller, Yakima
- Harry Antles, Yakima
- J. H. Riggs and Son, Wapato
- J. M. Perry Estate, Zillah
- L. M. Hanses, Terrace Heights
- Fred Plath, Englewood
- Percy Sheppard & Son, Wapato

What Can Do?

- Handles 6 foot offset disc
- 2-bottom 14-in. plow
- 600 gal. sprayer, wood saw, feed mill, etc.
- Operates on 34-plus Stove Oil

Where Available?

At any John Deere Dealer, or at our factory.

How Much?

Complete with belt pulley, fenders, etc. but without hydraulic lift,

\$1360

Ask for prices on hydraulic lift and special implement.

Unequaled Economy Record!

All of our twenty larger models of this crawler, some of which were put into service more than seven years ago, are still in operation. They have piled up thousands of hours of continuous operation, often under terrific over-loads. They have set up an average of low-cost operation records unequalled by any other make or type of tractor of equal working capacity. Here is your answer to rising costs! Act now for fall delivery as production will be strictly limited.

Lindeman Manufacturing, Inc.

The old tractor wasn't that cheap after all

It is amusing how writers and owners boast of how inexpensive the tractors were in the "old days." We admit to being guilty of boasting to our grandchildren that Cokes used to cost five cents. They were five cents in 1950 dollars. And they were only six ounces, not 20 ounces. In today's dollars, a 1950 five-cent Coke cost 40 cents (6.6 cents per ounce) and a 20-ounce Coke today is about \$1.10 (5.5 cents per ounce).

So we thought it would be interesting to look at prices of some collectible tractors in today's dollars and then convert that into dollars per drawbar or PTO horsepower.

This required finding the prices of various tractors and using a Consumer Price Index Conversion Factor Table to convert prices to 2005 dollars. The source of most Manufacturers List Suggested Retail Price (MLSRRP) was 2000 *Hot Line And Farm Equipment Guide* (800-673-4763). Some prices came from articles in *Antique Tractor*. The factor table was found on the internet at: <http://oregonstate.edu/cla/polisci/faculty/sahr/sahr.htm>.

By dividing the MLSRRP by the factor for that year gives the price in today's dollars. For example (see the table), a Case model 40 had a suggested price of \$2,000 in 1918. In today's dollars, that tractor would cost \$25,641.

We also included a column that shows the cost per belt or PTO horsepower. Some "stripped down" 2005 tractors are included to see if we are better or worse off from the "old days."

We realize that we are open to criticism. This is not an apple to apple comparison. Features and accessories varied widely among manufacturers, models and years made. We were arbitrary in the tractors we chose and missed some you are probably interested in knowing about. Some of our prices may be wrong. There are discrepancies in the literature, so we relied on one main source for consistency.

The table shown here gives the results.

Our conclusion is that old tractors were not better deals than today. When you take into account the features,

comfort and reliability of today's tractors, they are a better deal.

Another conclusion is that inflation is an insidious thing. It eats away at the value of our savings and gives us a false sense of wealth. You better encourage your grandkids to become multimillionaires. Those of us who dreamed of being worth a million dollars in the '50s need \$7 million to \$8 million to equal that in today's dollars.

We hope this article gives a better sense of what your tractor sold for in today's dollars. Also, the information in the article will allow you to price any of your equipment if you know the year and the sales price. Happy tractor hunting.

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Tractor	Year	CPI factor	MLSRRP	Today's dollars	PTO HP	Cost per HP
Waterloo Boy N	1924	0.088	\$1,000	\$11,364	25	\$455
IH 15-30	1928	0.088	\$1,250	\$14,205	33	\$430
John Deere D	1928	0.088	\$1,112	\$12,636	36	\$351
Fordson	1928	0.088	\$970	\$11,023	18	\$612
John Deere B	1938	0.073	\$850	\$11,644	22	\$529
Farmall F-20	1939	0.072	\$1,035	\$14,375	23	\$625
John Deere A	1940	0.072	\$1,050	\$14,583	29	\$503
Ford 9N	1942	0.084	\$1,120	\$13,333	23	\$580
John Deere H	1947	0.115	\$1,475	\$12,826	15	\$855
John Deere BR/BO	1947	0.115	\$1,975	\$17,174	27	\$636
Styled JD A	1952	0.137	\$2,510	\$18,321	38	\$482
JD D	1953	0.138	\$2,750	\$19,928	41	\$486
John Deere 50	1956	0.141	\$2,330	\$16,525	30	\$551
Allis Chalmers WD 45D	1957	0.145	\$3,425	\$23,621	43	\$549
John Deere 430	1960	0.153	\$2,560	\$16,732	28	\$598
John Deere 530	1960	0.153	\$3,260	\$21,307	37	\$576
John Deere 630	1960	0.153	\$3,840	\$25,098	49	\$512
John Deere 830	1960	0.153	\$5,775	\$37,745	72	\$524
Farmall 806D	1967	0.173	\$8,835	\$51,069	94	\$543

Lindeman at \$1,360 in 1945 that would have been about \$16,000 in 2013 dollars.