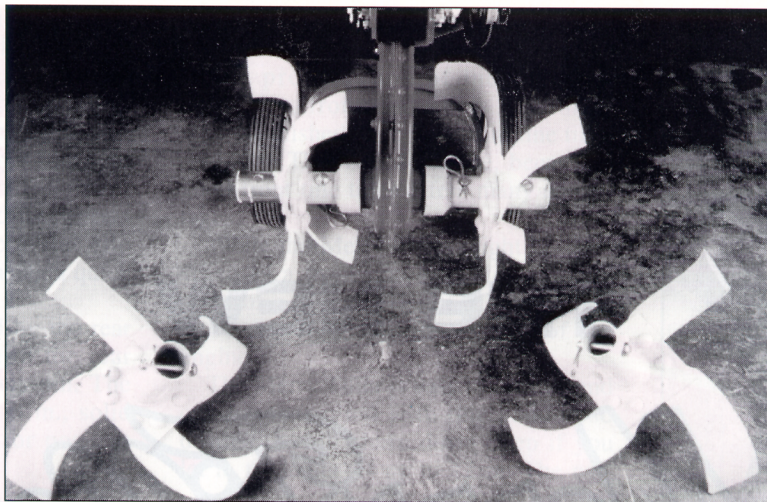


wheels which turn the Merry Tiller into a little two-wheel tractor. An optional speed reducer can be mounted to the transmission to slow the wheels down, if desired.

An adjustable plow bar and two different plow heads are also available for the Merry Tiller. The plows can be used to make furrows for planting or for light trenching.

Tine options range in price from \$126 to \$177. The bar-lugged wheels have a suggested list of \$134. The speed reducer lists for \$140. Since tillers don't generate much service income, it's nice to have these profit-boosting options available.

The Merry Tiller line contains five basic models, all based on the same design. The line opens with the MT3 "Minnie Tiller," which is powered by a 3 HP Briggs & Stratton engine and designed



Outside tines can be quickly detached to allow cultivating between rows of crops, reducing tilling width from 26-15 in.

for light duty tilling. The MT3 weighs 80 lbs. and has a suggested list of \$529.

Next up the ladder is the ST3 "Suburban," which is built on the same frame as the ST5 model described in this article. The primary difference is the smaller engine on the ST3—a 3 HP Briggs &

Stratton. Suggested list for the ST3 is \$613. The ST5 lists for \$684.

At the top of the "Suburban" series is Model ST5I/C, which is powered by a 5 HP Briggs & Stratton I/C engine. Suggested list is \$787. Suburban models weigh 138 lbs.

The extra heavy-duty "International" Model IT5I/C caps the Merry Tiller line. It has a heavier frame, handles and transmission and is also powered by the 5 HP Briggs & Stratton I/C. This unit weighs in at 159 lbs. and sells for \$999.

MacKissic admits that the Merry Tiller is probably the most expensive front tine tiller in the marketplace, but the company makes no apologies. Given the price, strength and performance of the Merry Tiller, MacKissic believes the value is unmatched, particularly when compared to expensive rear-tine machines. ●

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