

Thanks to an electronic engine management system, the turbocharged power plants generate ample power and torque to handle challenging conditions and a variety of jobs, while still complying with the EPA's Tier 4 Final emissions requirements.

"Customers can also choose between a traditional mechanical gear transmission or the convenient hydrostatic transmission, which is ideally suited for loader work," Keeney adds. "The constant-mesh mechanical transmission features nine forward and three reverse speeds; while the three-range hydrostatic transmission maximizes torque and streamlines operation with clutchless foot pedal control for forward and reverse speeds, moving from zero to maximum speed without a single gear change."

In the meantime, open-center hydraulics and a category I, 3-point hitch offer fast response times and ample lift capacity. The hydraulics package provides up to 7.2 gpm of flow to the rear 3-point hitch and implement hydraulics. The rear 3-point hitch has a lift capacity of 1,600 pounds at 24 inches to handle mounted implements and attachments, and each tractor can accommodate up to two rear remote valves. All tractor models can be equipped with a front loader and easy-to-use joystick control, adding versatility to these already-flexible machines.

A 540-rpm PTO is also standard on all models. However, customers again have a choice—this time between a transmission-driven PTO or an independent PTO, which is operated independent of the transmission clutch, for the best blend of economy and convenience.

Along with classic Massey Ferguson styling comes rugged steel fenders, hood and semi-flat operator deck. The front and rear axles are also constructed of heavy-duty cast steel for unmatched durability.

Perhaps one of the best features of the 1700E Series, however, is the industry-leading factory warranty. Massey Ferguson's confidence in the 1700E is backed by two-year/2,000-hour full coverage, plus five-year/2,000-hour powertrain coverage for worry-free productivity—all of which are administered by AGCO and your local dealer.

■ For full details about the new 1700E Series tractors, visit www.masseyferguson.com or see your local Massey Ferguson dealer.



More Parts, Half the Time

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IN FEBRUARY, BOB GREGSON WATCHED with interest as a big red AGCO sign was erected off Highway 401 in Woodstock, Ontario. The AGCO name outside the new 67,000-square-foot, full-stocking Parts Distribution Center (PDC) is just one sign of the big changes in store for area dealers and farmers.

Age 74, Gregson has seen a lot of change in his 50 years of farming in Eastern Canada, but one thing's remained the same: his reliance on AGCO Parts and service. "We've been with Massey ever since my father bought his first tractor in 1945," he says. "Over the years I've found that Massey has been very good. That says a lot for the company itself and the parts department."

Gregson raises cash crops, including corn, rye and beans, along with more than 600 head of cattle on his 1,100-acre farm. He's fond of Massey Ferguson[®] in part because of the brand's reliability. He notes that any equipment malfunction can mean more than lost time. "Consider our planting window is roughly two weeks for corn," he says. "If you've got a breakdown and you lose a week of it, you're in trouble."

Now with the new Woodstock PDC, parts deliveries across Eastern Canada will be delivered in 50 to 65% less time, some in as little as four hours or less.

The convenient location cuts transit time, but as a full-service facility, the Woodstock PDC also offers 40% more parts. It's the fourth AGCO Parts facility to be upgraded since 2010. For dealers like Dey's Equipment Centre Inc., the full-service PDC is a sign of AGCO's commitment to meeting the needs of its customers.

Dey, owner of Dey's Equipment Centre in nearby Tillsonburg, helped lead the charge to bring the new parts center to Eastern Canada. He's pleased that the state-of-the-art facility includes a service training center for AGCO technicians and sales personnel, saving more time and money by eliminating the need to travel to the U.S. for training.

"The new PDC has more parts available, a convenient location and close-to-home training facilities," Dey says. "It's the best thing AGCO's ever done for us and for our customers." —*Brigid Galloway*

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