

Around the paddocks

Your guide to new and used machinery

Machinery needs covered

Gaffy's Tractor Hire provides a service to farmers and contractors who don't want to tie up capital in equipment and might only need machinery for a certain time of the year or for unforeseen events such as breakdowns.

Hiring with Gaffy's is convenient and reliable as machines are well maintained.

The Mooroopna-based business has clients across the Goulburn Valley and as far as Deniliquin, Gippsland, Colac, Horsham, Naracoorte and Mildura.

Tim Gaffy said in the past 12 months grain-handling machinery had been added to the hire range.

The Seed and Forage Bags grain bagger can be used to store grain in a big plastic tube.

"Instead of outlaying thousands of dollars to set up silos, which you only use in bumper years, people can store grain in bags," Mr Gaffy said.

"It works out to be \$10/tonne, including hire of the machines to bag it and unload it, and the bag."

"When you compare it to the cost of freight and storage at your local silo, it works out to be a cheaper way to store your grain."

Mr Gaffy said the grain-handling machinery complemented Gaffy's aluminium tipper, which was used to contract cart grain.

Mr Gaffy is the local dealer of Seed and Forage Bags machinery and bags. He also sells baling twine, net wrap and silage film and encourages people interested in buying or hiring the equipment to phone him on 0407 561 381 to find out more.

You can still hire current-model tractors at Gaffy's Tractor Hire. The New Holland hire tractors range from 110 to 200 hp, with the option of loaders available up to



Gaffy's Tractor Hire has much more than tractors.

140 hp. They are comfortable, reliable and can be delivered to the site and picked up when no longer required.

The machinery range includes 22-run Agrow direct drills which are equipped with disc coulters for direct seeding into trash and oversowing pastures.

Multi-discs for ground preparation are also available for hire.

Mr Gaffy said the multi-disc was perfect for clearing a paddock of weeds, particularly if the farmer had not been able to burn them off.

The multi-disc could travel at

15 km/hour and left a smoother seedbed compared to an offset disc, he said.

Gaffy's Tractor Hire has a manure spreader which has a 14 m³ capacity and a 20 m spread width.

It spreads cow, pig and chook manure, and compost, and with the increasing cost of fertilisers farmers find it cost-effective to be able to use the manure produced by their cows, Mr Gaffy said.

There is an extra-heavy duty slasher in the range as well.

All machinery is hired on a daily rate and tractors are hired on an

hourly rate, with a minimum number of hours/day.

Having been dairy farmers, the family knows the frustration of machinery breakdowns disrupting farm operations.

"Our machinery is available at short notice and this flexibility means jobs can be finished on time," Mr Gaffy said.

Hiring is not only convenient, flexible and tax deductible, saving down-time and maintenance costs, but it frees up vital capital.

Mr Gaffy still works closely with his parents, Michael and Kay, in the

transport and hay production branches of the business.

Gaffy's has two Kenworth trucks that are available to carry machinery, as well as general freight including fruit, hay, gravel, grain, gypsum and lime, locally and interstate.

Specialising in lucerne hay grown under centre-pivot irrigation at a 140 ha property at Mooroopna, Gaffy's offers small bales suitable for the horse industry (racing, breeding and equestrian) and also produces large round bales ideal for the dairy and beef cattle industries.

Gaffy's Hire have the equipment for the job

Two Agrowdrill seeders available for hire. 22 run, both seeders with hydraulic lift disc coulters, great for cutting through trash like hog weed



Amazone Multi Disc 3 metres wide with crumble roller for hire



JEANTIL 14 cubic metre Manure Spreader for hire. Ideal for spreading cow manure — natural fertiliser



Gaffy's Tractor Hire have New Holland and John Deere tractors ranging from 110hp to 200hp with loaders available up to 140hp



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- Premium quality Fieldpak Plastar Grain Bags
- Australian-made Grain Unloading / Bagging Machines
- Richiger Grain Extracting Machines
- NetWrap and Silaflex Silage Wrap
- Yellow Diamond Twine

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