

Farmtrac scores with Massey Ferguson

A local forestry operation in northern KwaZulu-Natal has seen great success with its newly acquired Massey Ferguson, says the manufacturer.



RF Gevers has acquired the reliable MF 6712. MASSEY FERGUSON

When a local forestry client wanted a real workhorse to mulch leftover branches once trees had been harvested, it acquired a MF 6711 tractor from Farmtrac Vryheid, and has not looked back since. That same tractor has operated flawlessly for more than 2 000 hours since 2020 and is a flagship for the durability and versatility of the Global series, says Paul de Klerk, Whole Goods Salesperson at Farmtrac Vryheid.

Since then, RF Gevers has acquired an MF 6712. The machines sold to RF Gevers have a factory-fitted creeper gear. It is activated by either a lever (on the MF 4700) or a rocker switch (MF5700/MF6700), providing an additional two ranges to the transmission. It allows the tractor to travel at a speed as low as 100m/h up to 2,5km/h, which enables the operator to choose the ideal mulching rate.

Due to the arduous operating conditions in the forestry sector, the tractors are fitted with customised belly plates for added protection. "We have a local metalworker in our

area that does the modification and instalment of the belly plates according to our specifications, which makes it easier for our technicians to service the tractors and carry out required maintenance," says De Klerk.

Another feature of the tractor is the wet clutch system, which reduces wear-and-tear on the clutch itself. The power shuttle is reliable and easy to operate and can change direction on the move. All of these features increase productivity and allow Farmtrac Vryheid's clients to optimise their farming operations.

MAIN FOCUS

"Our main focus is the MF Global series due to the diverse farming activities in our area. Most farmers use low horsepower tractors, but we do have one or two high horsepower tractors running," says De Klerk.

Behind Farmtrac Vryheid is the renowned support network of AGCO Africa, with its centralised spares warehouse in Johannesburg. The dealership itself has two full-time technicians for on-site service and

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repairs as required, in addition to a fully equipped workshop.

A major selling point of the Global series is its fuel efficiency and extended service intervals, which allows for optimal working rates at low rpms and less standing time, with easy access to daily maintenance service points.

The MF Global series consists of the MF 4700 (61kW to 69kW), the MF 5700 (69kW to 76kW), and the MF 6700 (84kW to 98kW).

AGCO Power three- and four-cylinder engines provide power and are renowned for their reliability, ruggedness, excellent fuel economy and power. The all-new Massey Ferguson synchromesh transmissions offer 12 forward and reverse speeds over two ranges, complete with a forward/reverse shuttle.

The base level MF 4700 models are available with a mechanical shuttle. The correct speed for each job is easily selected using the side shift gear levers when changes are required.

All tractors are specified with a 540 rpm PTO with 35mm/six spline output shaft and independent PTO clutch as a minimum.

A LARGE DASHBOARD PROVIDES INFORMATION ON PERFORMANCE

Additional variable PTO options are available, depending on the range and variant selected.

A 3 000kg lifting capacity allows MF4700 tractors to handle a range of implements with ease, while 4 300kg on the MF 5700 tractors and 5 200kg on the MF 6700 tractors ensure more than enough lifting capacity to get the job done. A large dashboard provides clear and concise information on tractor operation and performance.

"Whatever the application or customer requirement, the straightforward and dependable Global series from Massey Ferguson consistently meets and exceeds expectations," says De Klerk. – Agco

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