

## **Tractor Maintenance Checklist for Spring**

Consult owner's manual

□ Update maintenance log

- □ Check the tires for cracks, wear, or dry rot. If needed, inflate to the correct PSI as marked on the tire. Replace any tires that are unsafe or in disrepair.
- □ If your tractor has loaded tires, check that they are still in balance and with enough liquid.
- □ Check oil and, if needed, change the oil and oil filter (if not changed in the fall).
- □ Inspect the air filter, use pressurized air\* to clean filter of dust and debris. Inspect for rips, tears, or holes. Replace filter if it can't be cleaned sufficiently or is damaged.
- □ Check in the engine area for rodent nests or damage. You can use pressurized air to clear any leaves, debris, or nests. Be sure to check fins on radiator.
- Grease all points on loader (if applicable). Check your tractor manual for other grease points. Be sure to use grease recommended in tractor manual.
- □ Check that the seat is in working order and hasn't been damaged by rodents or weather. If applicable, check that the seatbelt is present and in working order.
- Check hydraulic fittings and hoses for fluid leaks, cracks, and abrasions in the lines.
- □ Check the fuel level.
- □ Check headlights and taillights. Ensure "slow moving vehicle" sign is attached and visible.
- Check coolant and hydraulic oil and fill to marked level (if needed).
- □ Test the battery and check for corrosion. Clean the top surface of the battery using a dry rag to clear grease, moisture, and debris. Top off cells with distilled water, if applicable.
- □ Check belts for cracks, dry rot, or tears. Replace if needed. Check tension, tighten if needed.
- □ If your tractor has a cab, check and clean air filters. Wash glass panels, fill washer fluid, and replace windshield wipers.

\*When using pressurized air, be sure to use eye protection and a respirator.

