

## Conclusions

Comparing torque and power graphs before and after treatment:

### (a) Performance

Engine of Tractor No 1 was in good condition before the tests and remained so for the duration of the test period. There is some increase in engine performance by up to 10% in the Standard's PTO revolutions, but because the engine is near its new performance level, it is difficult to expect further improvement beyond this point.

In the engine tests of No 2 tractor there is a significant increase in tractor performance. The increase expresses itself in the improved torque and in the reduction in the fuel consumption. This increase is noticeable between 1800-2000 R.P.M.

Most noticeable in this test is the fact that the engines developed far greater power in higher R.P.M., i.e. the "drop" in revolutions coupled with the increase in torque is lesser still. At 1900 R.P.M. it was possible to increase the load by three times.

### (b) The Mechanical State in accordance with the Oil and the Garage Tests

The state of tractor No 1's engine was good and stayed good. The state of tractor No 2's engine that was bad at the beginning of the test, did not improve and the engine still faces an overall. The overall, however, was differed by 250 hours. There is a significant increase in the sand content (Si) which had resulted in an increase wear expressed in an increase of Fe and other metals.

It is reasonable to assume that this increase is outside sourced, and that it is due to damage caused to the air filter during the usual work on the farm.

We expected increase in oil consumption and an increase in smoke and carbon discharges.

## Testing of power transfer:

This test was conducted in line with the O.E.C.D. Standard. Power transfer was measured as a function of the number of revolutions and the fuel consumption.

In between the tests, the tractors did their usual farm jobs. They did receive the normal attention given to them on the farm. Prior to the tests air filters were changed for new (only for the duration of the tests). The tractors were always fueled during the tests with identical fuel stored specifically for that purpose.

Each tractor was examined at the following stages:

- (a) Prior to adding NRG with new oil.  
An oil sample was taken for laboratory tests prior to the oil change.
- (b) Immediately after the addition of NRG and after the recommended running time.
- (c) Interval examinations after 150 working hours.
- (d) Tests after 250 working hours immediately after oil change.

## Results

- (a) Tractors state before the examination.

### Pressure Tests.

	Tractor 1	Tractor 2
Hours worked	5,154	8,609
Pressure (PSI)	345 Approx.	300 Approx.
Improved pressure after adding oil to the cylinder	370 Approx.	350 Approx.

- (b) Examination of solids concentrations and wear in oil are given in Table 1.
- (c) Results of torque tests, fuel consumption, usefulness and typical fuel consumption are described in the graphs.

These tests were conducted during July and ended in December (summer time) 1985 after 270 hours of operation with NRG for tractor No 1, and 250 hours of operation since the addition of NRG for tractor No 2.

## Preamble

Wear of engines and mechanical components, is a natural ageing process that one cannot avoid. Manufacturers of engine and gearboxes recommend the use of certain lubricants and their changes at pre set intervals, for the purpose of reducing the natural wear and for extending the production life of an engine.

There exist a number of oil additives, the purpose of which is to reduce metal wear and prevent the gathering of harmful matters which are the by product of this process.

Generally, the lubricants recommended by the manufacturer include a certain level of additives to prevent (engine) wear and to neutralise their effect on the burned residues. It is not a question of disputing the quality of these oils or of the recommendations of the tractor's and engine manufacturer. All these recommendation must be universal for the whole series of tractors and their differing working conditions. It is wise, however, to check the effectiveness of the various mentioned additives as an answer to specific problems that may crop up during a long operation, and so improve the ongoing performance reduction of the engine and the elimination of the associated over accelerating wear process.

The additives producers claim that their products help in cleaning engine parts by dissolving the accumulating solids and that they coat the metal surfaces by a protective film that is friction reducing and is long lasting.

One of these is NRG, the testing of which started at The Centre for Agricultural Research and the partial results of which are reported in this paper.

The means of testing, available to the Centre in this area are limited to checking the efficiency of power transfer, whilst testing the conditions of engine's operation. Oil laboratory tests are conducted by Panel Laboratories.

## Purpose of Tests

To check on the effect of adding NRG to a tractor's engine by measuring the power transfer, measuring the fuel consumption and rate of metal wear, before and after adding NRG.

## Selection of Tractors Under Tests

For the purpose of these tests, two tractors which perform routine work on the farm were selected. Both old tractors, but both with a reasonable engine wear compared to their age, and without any known mechanical problems.

The evaluation of wear was conducted by regular oil examination carried out at the Panel Laboratories on a regular basis for a long time prior to the commencement of the tests. The compression tests were conducted at the garage.

## The Tests

Tests started during July and regularly continued till December 1985.

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