

Four Wheeler

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Stephen Gilson: You know, one of the pieces of equipment that is really essential for us being able to operate, maintain our farm, is my trusty four-wheeler. And a couple of things about it become critical. One- as I think we mentioned earlier- I have a left fused leg, so I cannot, sit down like people might traditionally –use, sit down. And because of that, can't operate typical pedals for gas and, and braking. So, as with most four-wheelers, or many four-wheelers, all of the operating stuff is done with hand. So whether its turning on the ignition, using the braking system or the acceleration – its all handle. So I can ride around, or use my four-wheeler 12 months out of the year with the variety of equipment I have. But, also because I ride it – I need to ride it standing up – so one issue, safety becomes a factor there in terms of making sure I maintain a safe speed. I may look like a little bit of a cowboy when I'm riding around my pastures standing up, but it really is one of the things that allows me to either spread sand – and we'll talk about that a little bit in terms of in the winter needing to spread sand around our pastures because of the ice and the safety for the horses and making sure they can safely get in and out of the barn. But also, carrying our manure from the barn area out to our manure pile, as well as raking the barn, in terms of, because, in addition to the horses in their pasture, which we rake to move the manure around, we also use it with our rake, to rake the, our, riding arena so we maintain a surface that is safe for our horses, and safe for us as we ride around.