



A SINGLE PURPOSE "UTILITY" TRACTOR?

# THE 350 HI-UTILITY

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There are some seldom seen IH 350s, like the LP and diesels, but when I got wind of a 350 Hi-Utility model, I knew it was a rarity. Richard Herrick in Franklin, Nebraska, had it and was keeping the tractor busy mowing and baling. How it got clear out here, I have no idea, because by this time, all of IH's utility tractors were built in Kentucky.

The factory brochure promotes the 350 Hi-Utility as a single application tractor, built "specifically to meet the needs of shade tobacco farming operations." There isn't much tobacco grown out here—shade or otherwise!



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Lots of towns use a 350 Utility to do their mowing, do light bladework, patch potholes, or whatever, but the high-clearance Utility with adjustable wheel spacing—now that caught my eye.

I was finally able to get the tractor three years ago, after some wheeling and dealing. Richard had put in a new torque amplifier and the engine wasn't in bad shape, but everything else from the power steering seals to every inch of the tinwork showed the years of service it had given.

I disassembled it, and while it was torn down, put in a new set of bearings