

MIGHTY LITTLE MASSEY PULLER

I've seen quite a few Massey Ferguson lawn and garden tractors set up as pullers over the years but this Massey 7 is a real show stopper. It's not just a cosmetic job, it's the real deal. The chrome wheels and front-mounted fuel tank give it an almost dragster look. It is owned by Joe Young and his son Ryan from Rushville, Ohio. It was purchased several years ago from the original builder, who designed and built it to be a competitive pulling tractor. The Youngs have never put it on the track.



It is powered by a Kubota three-cylinder diesel engine which is mounted backwards in the tractor frame. That means the transmission is run by the drive shaft that originally powered the mower deck in a standard Kubota lawn tractor. I have used a Kubota lawn tractor with that same three-cylinder diesel engine for over thirty years and they are a real powerhouse. The engine has 1,600 hours and doesn't burn a drop of oil.

Other than the fancy chrome wheels, the next thing that you can't help but notice is the carefully arranged wheel weights in front of each wheel. If it is ever hooked to a sled, I would like to see the results.

The father and son team together farm 1,350 acres in Fairfield and Perry Counties in Ohio. They have enjoyed this little tractor so much that Ryan is planning to build a little Massey Ferguson puller of his own using an MF 12. Stay tuned. *LQ*

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