

Ferrari Tractor CIE

"Appropriate Technology for Agriculture"

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The model B622 has been manufactured for 50 years as a walk behind 1.4 meter (55") wide mower with optional binder attachment; a simple low tech design that endures with little input. This simple high wheel mower has been used for hay mowing of grass and legumes and with binder it is used for harvesting cereal grains, thatching reeds, dry flower stalks as well as to cut and bundle, sesame and chicory for seed and timothy grass for pollen collection to name just a few crops. Once plants are tied into bundles to complete ripening process and to facilitate transport to a stationary threshers or other processing operation.

It's 10 HP Lombardini diesel engine is an old and reliable design that can no longer be used in USA because it does not meet EPA standards now in effect. Newer engine has to be substituted for use in USA or EC. It is priced \$12,000 USD and ideal for easy transport lends itself to cooperative ownership. Consider one or more growers owning and sharing B622 and another grower or two sharing ownership of the Trexix stationary thresher with it's seed cleaner attachment of similar investment cost allows, let's say, (4) growers to have access to a harvester and thresher for just \$6,000 each.

Even if you are not a grower but want to support and promote local food production and other local economic development, you could purchase equipment to rent out or loan on share basis.

