

Recommended Quality Tools and Equipment for the Market Gardener

Fieldwork:

1. BCS Walking Tractor Model 853 or equivalent: www.daileysBCSales.com
 - A. Rotary plow
 - B. Rotary harrow
 - C. Flail mower

Or, if you have the space and need a tractor anyway, a Kubota L3300 or it's equivalent. This combines the best of both worlds and works with a 30" bed system

2. Wheel Hoe with 12" blade (plus smaller blades for in-bed weeding): Glaser, Valley Oak, or Hoss
3. Backpack sprayer: Jacto for 1/2 acre or less (Johnny's), Stihl SR 450 mistblower for larger acreage
4. Earthway 3100E Hand Crank Spreader (for cover crop seed and soil amendments)
5. Heavy duty wheelbarrow (preferably with poly tray)
6. Garden Cart - Carts Vermont Model 26 or similar
7. 5 or 6 mil. silage tarps (for weed control): available from Farmer's Friend LLC
8. Six row seeder (Johnny's) or many are still using the four row seeder (also from Johnny's) - If you plan to do salad mixes
9. Earthway or Hoss or Jang single row seeder (Some are using the Jang for salad mixes too)
10. Flame weeder (for killing weeds before intensive planted beds): www.flame-weeders.com
11. Deer Fencing: Tenax Cintoflex 7.5' x 330' rolls
12. Irrigation: Senninger Excel Wobbler sprinklers

Harvesting and Marketing:

13. Quick-cut greens harvester - If you are doing salad mixes: www.farmersfriendllc.com
14. Torrey LPC 40L legal scale (40 lb. capacity)
15. EZ-up Canopies - you get what you pay for. Don't buy anything under \$200
16. Heavy duty plastic harvesting and storage containers: Martin's Produce Supply 606-787-9389
17. Commercial-grade totes for CSA and market delivery - Monoflo International