



FEBRUARY'S GROWERS DIARY; THE PRECISION OF THE BLADE

THE WINTER WORKSHOP: WHILE OUR FIELDS IN PAISLEY REMAIN IN THEIR WINTER SLUMBER, THE FARM WORKSHOP HAS BECOME THE HUB OF OUR ACTIVITY. FEBRUARY IS A MONTH OF CHECKS, REFURBS AND MAINTENANCE. WE KNOW THE QUALITY OF THE CUT ON DAY ONE OF THE SPRING SEASON DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE WORK WE DO BEHIND CLOSED DOORS RIGHT NOW.



HARVESTER TEETH IN WORKSHOP

ON THE FARM THIS MONTH

CURRENT TASK: THE FULL STRIP-DOWN

Before the season officially starts, every piece of our harvesting and maintenance fleet is brought into the shed for a thorough 'nut and bolt' inspection. Parts prone to wear and tear are changed now to future proof our harvesting operation.

THE MACHINERY ROSTER

Growing professional turf requires more than just a tractor. Our fleet includes cultivators, sprayers, hoovers (yes, really - for cleaning debris!) and our specialised turf harvesters. Each machine plays a specific role in ensuring our turf is in the very best condition possible.

THE SPOTLIGHT ON MAINTENANCE

This week we are focussed on inspecting and replacing the **Turf Lifting Fingers** on our Robomax harvester, as well as changing the blades- to give a sharp cut from day one. **Why?** The 'fingers' are as they sound - they are metal fingers on our robot, used to lift the freshly cut turf rolls from the belt and stack them on our pallets, ready for distribution. We need to replace them regularly to keep them doing their job accurately.

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THE WEATHER WATCH (PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE)

CONDITIONS:

A real mix - high rainfall, heavy winds, some night time frosts and a little bit of afternoon sun.

THE GROWER'S NOTE:

“ We are staying off our fields. The heavy rains have saturated the soil, so to maintain structure and turf integrity, we are keeping heavy kit off for now. We don't want to damage the fields for the rest of the year. ”

PRO-TIP FOR THE MONTH

For **Trade & Landscapers:** Use this time to service your own gear. Ensure your mower blades are sharpened and relevant parts are greased. A clean cut on a newly laid lawn is the difference between a project that thrives and one that struggles.

For **Homeowners:** It's tempting to get the mower out on a sunny February/March day - don't. The soil is likely still too soft. Heavy mowers on wet, dormant turf and soil will cause compaction, which could lead to moss problems in a few months time.

THE TURF SCIENCE: WHY CLEAN CUTS MATTER

When we talk about maintenance, we aren't just talking about keeping the machines running; we're talking about doing all we can to keep our turf healthy.

ROLL FORMATION:

A sharp, precision set blade enables our harvester to cut the ground cleanly, resulting in uniform rolls, with minimum damage to turf structure.

RECOVERY SPEED:

Just like a clean surgical incision heals faster than a graze, a cleanly cut blade of grass returns to active photosynthesis much quicker once laid on your site.

Failure to provide a clean cut on grass increases its susceptibility to disease, and stresses the plant. You may also notice frayed white or brown tips form after the cut.

CONSISTENCY:

We calibrate our machinery to a tolerance of just a few millimeters.

For our customers, this means every roll is uniform. The exact thickness, making for a perfectly level finish across large developments.

We replace consumable parts, like the image below.

