# SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES

# Rotary Slasher Tractor Operated

**DO NOT** use this machine unless a teacher has instructed you in its safe use and operation and has given permission.









## PRE-OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS

- 1. Operate only with Roll Over Protection Structure (ROPS) and seatbelt equipped tractors.
- 2. Ensure that all guards are fitted, secure and functional.
- 3. Ensure that the 3-point linkage, securing pinions and safety chains are in sound condition.
- 4. Ensure that the blades and fasteners are in sound condition.
- 5. Ensure that hydraulic rams, hoses and couplings are in sound condition.
- 6. Ensure that the rotary slasher is attached according to manufacturer's specification.
- 7. Faulty equipment must not be used. Report suspect machinery immediately.

### **OPERATIONAL SAFETY CHECKS**

- 1. Keep clear of moving machine parts.
- 2. Allow no passengers on tractor or rotary slasher.
- 3. Do not use rotary cutter with bystanders in area.
- 4. Be sure the transmission is out of gear and the mower blade clutch disengaged before starting the engine.
- 5. Allow moving parts on rotary slasher to stop before repair.
- 6. Securely support the mower before working underneath. Chock tractor wheels.
- 7. Lock up raised wings (where fitted) before transport.
- 8. Do not cut with raised wings (where fitted) in raised or transport position.
- 8. Before dismounting the tractor:
  - Lower rotary cutter to ground and allow moving parts to stop.
  - Stop engine and set brake.
  - Remove key for unattended equipment.

### HOUSEKEEPING

- 1. Remove any foreign material from blades, fasteners, guards and hydraulic rams.
- 2. Keep the work area and implement shed in a clean and tidy condition.

### **POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

- Rapidly rotating blades
- Flying debris
- Eye injuries
- Noise