

Tractor Fenders

This article is about back wheel fenders.

Tractors seldom have front wheel fenders.

Farm tractors have rear fenders for at least two reasons.

Safety is one reason.

Minimizing dust and dirt for the operator is another.

The Standard tractors of the 1920s had fenders that covered the entire top side of the rear wheels. Those fenders were an integral part of the working platform. Most old Standard tractors still have their fenders.



The first Row-Crop tractors, the Farmalls, had similar full-top-cover fenders as an option. Few old Farmalls have their fenders today. Those fenders may have been exposed to damage and wrecked.

Fenders were generally an option on row crop tractors in the 1940's.

Even if the row crop came with fenders, the fenders were frequently removed.

They got in the way.

There seems to be a correlation between extant fenders and tractor access.

Row crop tractors were especially hard to mount, well into the 1950's. Fenders often made that even harder.

Utility tractors are generally mounted from ahead of the rear wheel. They always have intact fenders.

LEFT: The 10-20 Standard has excellent, over-the-wheel fenders. On this model, as with most Standards, the fender is an integral part of the operator's platform. Virtually all tractors of this type have intact fenders.



LEFT: This Farmall Regular is without fenders. Very few tractors of this type have fenders now. Fenders were an optional. It may never have had fenders.

Row crop tractors like this are likely to have lost their fenders for several reasons. The fenders were exposed to damage because of their location and the more versatile experiences that a row crop tractor was exposed to.

Or, they simply got in the way or blocked the view of the ground and were removed intentionally.



ABOVE: This 660 Wheatland has maximum fenders. This too is a Standard model. The luxurious fenders are a fixed part of the spacious operator's platform.



ABOVE: The Farmall C has the flat, shield-like fenders that are used on row-crop tractors. Few Farmalls have fenders in place. Used fenders are relatively easy to find on the Internet. Of all the Farmall tractors, the C is probably the most difficult to mount from the rear.



ABOVE: This Farmall 100 has flat-shield fenders that are common to all A Series and Cub tractors.

On those models, fenders are always in place.



ABOVE: The 460 Utility above has a semi-wrapped fender shape that IH used on most Utility tractors. These fenders are always in place. This tractor, like all Utilities is mounted from ahead of the rear tire.



ABOVE: The Farmall 350 has simple shield fenders. This tractor, like most Farmalls is mounted by climbing up the rear hardware.

RIGHT: This 240 Farmall is unusual in that it is mounted, fairly easily from ahead of the rear wheel. Because of that, it has Utility style, wrapped fenders

