

# Equipment for Market Gardeners.

Two wheel tractors, wheel hoes, seeders and hand tools.



# Choosing equipment



## Questions to ask

- ❑ Can I use it for a number of different crops?
- ❑ How durable is it and will it cope with my soil conditions?
- ❑ Will it fit present production methods or necessitate a change?
- ❑ Is it cost effective?

# Two Wheeled Tractors

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- ❑ Cost
- ❑ Range of implements and the speed with which you can change them.
- ❑ Easily transported
- ❑ Low running cost
- ❑ Few things to go wrong.

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- ❑ Poor traction with trailed implements
- ❑ Small second hand market
- ❑ No seat!
- ❑ Weight of some implements
- ❑ Not “man” enough for strong soils

# Wheel Hoes



Berg 600 straddles the row to weed either side.



Berg 500 ideal for wider rows.



Pico wheel hoe is in one line to work between the rows.

# Wheel Hoe Attachments



- ❑ Stirrup Hoe



- ❑ Negative Goosefoot



- ❑ Positive Goosefoot



- ❑ Ridger/furrower



- ❑ Three tine Weeder

# Hand Propelled Seeders

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## Earthway

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- ❑ Best available in the price range
- ❑ Quicker than hand sowing
- ❑ Will sow a large range of seeds
- ❑ Plate seeder efficient with flat seeds

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- ❑ Poor singling of small seeds
- ❑ Traction of drive wheel
- ❑ Tendency to crush seeds behind plate
- ❑ Light duty- plastic and aluminium

# Hand Propelled Seeders

## Terradonis



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- ❑ Multi-row combinations
- ❑ Heavy duty
- ❑ Great traction
- ❑ Self-cleaning wheels
- ❑ Effective singling and greater control of spacing
- ❑ Completely adjustable handles

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- ❑ Extra Cost
- ❑ Seed Rolls extra costs – like Ryanair flights
- ❑ No kick stand





# Hand Tools



**Soil Block Maker**



**Collinear Hoe**

Very effective for weeding beds from the paths.



**Right angled trowel**



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