

Small farm and lifestyle tractor innovation

The Tractor & Machinery Association (TMA) annual conference reported that the under 60 hp market is down in line with the broader tractor market, likely reflecting the dry conditions and economic confidence. Despite this, it still represents a third of the total market units as it has done for the last decade.

So why do small acreage and lifestyle farmers in this significant market sector often feel forgotten when it comes to tractor innovation? It seems that so many manufacturers put their R&D dollars into higher priced tractors. That's where TYM is different. South Korean manufacturing is becoming renowned for quality and innovation, thanks to the world's highest capital investment in R&D as a percentage of GDP.

The launch of TYM's T413 utility tractor shows just how much innovation can be packed into a 38.4 hp tractor. Available in Cabin and ROPS, its latest generation Yanmar diesel engine sets a new benchmark for low noise, vibration and harshness (NVH).

Inlon's Sales & Marketing Manager, Gary Surman, explains, "Whether you're using a tractor every day, or a few times a month, farmers shouldn't have to compromise on safety and comfort. TYM uses world-recognised engines to reduce NVH, and the tractors are packed with features. The spacious flat operator's platform is over 1 metre wide, while the adjustable steering column adds further ergonomic comfort. TYM's T413 is the best price sub 40 hp 4wd compact tractor available with an Air-conditioned Cabin, a benefit for our hot Australian summers."

The new Auto Throttle feature links the HST pedals to the engine throttle to

synchronise the tractor's speed and engine RPM. This simplifies operation, helps increase productivity and reduces fuel consumption.

TYM's T413 weighs 1,390 kg (tractor-only) with most weight coming from the cast iron components rather than die-cast aluminium, delivering weight to the transmission, driveline and axles where it's needed most.

Of course, a utility farm tractor comes into its own with all the potential time and back-saving attachments. The 3-point linkage with 1,200 kg lifting capacity gives great versatility.

"We believe that the small farm and lifestyle sector will increasingly demand better comfort and ergonomics," Mr Surman says. "Inlon will continue to distribute tractors that deliver innovation in their respective market sectors. Having conducted a comparison with other tractors in this market segment, the T413 is the stand-out winner."

View the tractor comparison website at www.compare.ag/T413.

