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In 1991 AGCO purchased the Hesston Corporation, a leading North American brand of hay tools and a 50 per cent participation in the manufacturing joint venture known as Hay and Forage Industries (HFI). Then in 2000 AGCO completed the purchase of Hay and Forage Industries in Hesston, Kansas, solidifying its planned strategy to achieve efficient manufacturing rationalization by consolidating major operations in North America.

With hundreds of patents to its credit, Hesston® has been the hay and forage innovator since 1955, when the company developed the first commercially available self-propelled windrower. Other industry ‘firsts’ have included the first hydrostatic windrower, the first centre-pivot mower-conditioner and the first big rectangular baler – which had nearly 50 individual patents of its own.

Today, products built in Hesston continue to lead the way in advanced hay and forage technology. The factory offers mowing systems, conventional, round and large square balers and a range of self-propelled windrowers. These are built alongside the innovative rotary combines marketed throughout the world.
The MF 1840: A real investment

The MF 1840 ‘centre-line’ baler goes from strength-to-strength thanks to its popular design and well-established reputation as the perfect small, square baler. Whether you bale a few hectares a year for your own livestock, or produce thousands of bales annually in a commercial operation, the MF 1840 will fit your requirements and budget perfectly.

**MF1840**

- **Bale size**: Width 457 mm x Height 356 mm 14¨ x 18¨
- **Bale length**: up to 1300 mm
- **Crops**: Straw, hay, low moisture haylage
- **Power requirement**: Recommended minimum 50 PTO hp
- **Working pick-up width**: 1.9 m
- **Density control**: Manual spring or automatic hydraulic

Designed and built in our factory in Hesston, Kansas, the MF 1840 baler has a steadfast reputation as a sturdy and reliable partner for ‘fuss-free’ baling. For years the MF 1839 has proved itself to be an excellent investment, for small or large farms, contractors and equine businesses alike. And thanks to its simple operation and consistent design, this simple ‘centre-line’ baler will quickly become a worthwhile investment for your business.

The latest MF 1840 baler now offers big increases in feeding ability, in normal and double bales with a lower power requirement, ensuring years of reliable service.

This ‘centre-line’ small rectangular baler has a working pick-up width of 1.9 m. The wide, heavy-duty pick-up is ideal for high usage or contracting. It is guaranteed to produce consistent, densely packed bales of hay or straw that are the right size for easy handling or feeding and the right density for efficient storage and transport.

Make the right business choice with an MF 1840 baler.
The benefits of in-line baling

Easy on the road, easy in the field.

You’ll notice the first advantage before reaching the field. Even though the MF 1840 features a wide pick-up, transport width is exceptionally narrow because of the in-line design allowing easy access to narrow lanes and awkward gateways. And when you get to the field, there is no need to manhandle the bale from a “transport” position to a “work” position – you just lower the pick-up and start baling.

In-line design

The unique centre-line construction is designed to run in-line directly behind the tractor for unrivalled convenience and field efficiency. In addition it also gives you better weight distribution and reduces ground compaction.

Field and transport positions are one and the same. You never have to move bales out of the way when opening up a field or jockey through gateways. The MF 1840 has a narrow class leading overall transport width of 2.6 m.

The wide pick-up with centering augers increases baling capacity by evenly filling both sides of the bale chamber, creating uniform shaped bales. Dual pick-up gauge wheels help to maintain a healthy feed and avoid tine damage.

The low profile pick-up gently lifts the crop a short distance and feeds it directly into a pre-packer chamber, reducing crop damage and leaf loss. Improves crop feed and allows for an increased working speed.
Superior feeding

The 1.9 metre wide pick-up features a small diameter, ‘low-profile’ design with closely spaced tines ensuring that windrows are picked up cleanly with minimal disturbance and leaf loss. Gauge wheels, fitted as standard to either side, further help the pick-up to follow uneven ground contours, avoiding pick-up tine damage. The MF 1840 features a four tine bar pick-up for higher throughput.

As soon as the crop enters the pick-up, centring augers move the material into the centre of the baler. This ensures equal material distribution, improves crop feed and prevents the bale from becoming ‘banana-shaped’. The MF 1840 has new high capacity cross augers which give it massive feeding capability in heavy and even damp crops.

Crop is delivered into the pre-compression chamber using a completely new design of high capacity packer fork where it is pre-formed before entering the main bale chamber. This ensures a well-shaped bale is formed improving bale density and reducing stress on components giving improved baler durability.

Crop flow

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With a short stroke and high speed plunger, the pre-formed slice concept enables the baler to operate with high capacity, significantly reducing plunger bearing wear whilst generating a greater number of bales.
Rugged knotter design

The Hesston design of knotters are built to operate reliably season after season, with minimum fuss or maintenance. Their rugged design guarantees excellent reliability, even after baling, whether using high quality plastic or sisal twine.

An electric knotter fan is fitted as standard to the MF 1840 and ensures the knotter is kept clean and free from any debris build up during operation.

Air is drawn in from the front, flows across the knotters and out of the rear of the knotter cover.

The MF 1842 carries 12 balls of twine which is a must for the longest days work. The ample dimension of each compartment allows ‘super large’ size twine spools to be used, enabling more bales to be carried and therefore more bales produced per twine fill-up.

OptiForm bale chamber

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Total Support.
There when you need it

Massey Ferguson is a true global brand with machines operating all over the world, and behind every Massey Ferguson machine is the powerful after sales support of AGCO's Customer Support organisation.

Industry benchmarking shows that AGCO offers customers world-class parts and service support, and this is never truer than in support of our harvest machinery both in and out of season.

Accessories
Optional extras are available to increase productivity, make light work of tough jobs and even help your business to grow.

Adjustable length drawbar
A heavy duty drawbar is available for attaching bale accumulators and collectors easily and in the tight place.

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Built to meet the demands of the toughest season

01. Centre-in-line design
02. High capacity plunger speed of 100 strokes per minute.
03. Knotter cleaning fan to prevent build-up of crop debris during operation.
04. Automatic hydraulic bale density control for consistent bale density as conditions change
05. OptiForm bale chamber for superb bale shape
06. Twine storage capacity for ten super large spools
07. Pump, reservoir and control for Automatic hydraulic bale density system
08. Wide high capacity low-profile pickup for gentle handling of hay crops with a 1.9m working width