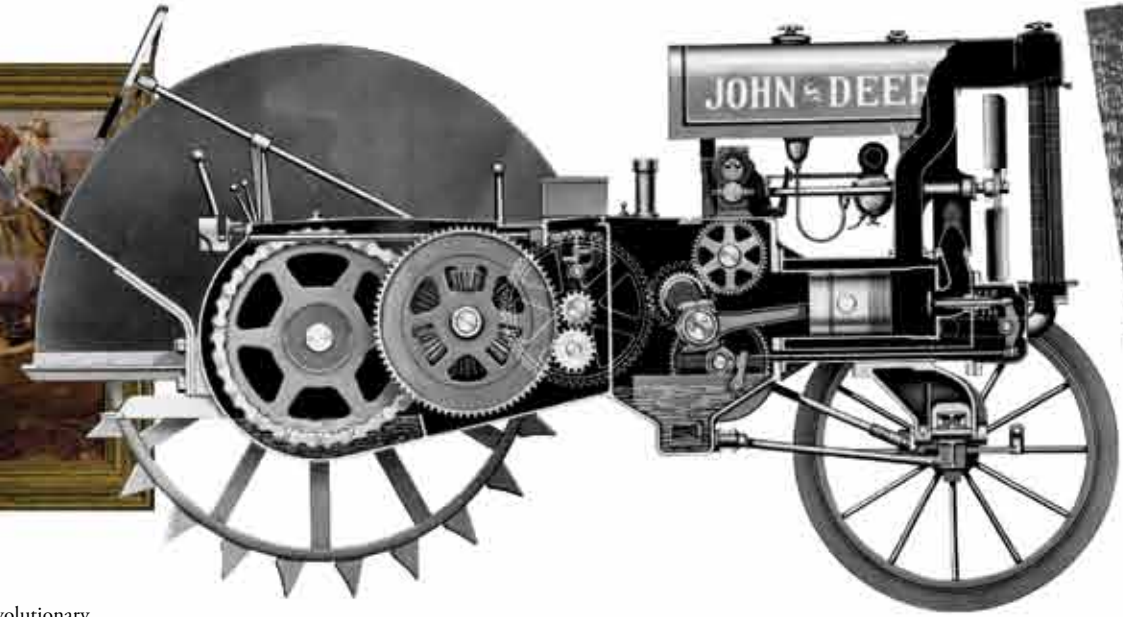




1837: A company is born

A man named John Deere started a company with a revolutionary plow fashioned from a broken sawmill blade. This humble start would go on to help America—and the rest of the world—grow for nearly two centuries.



1957: From green to yellow
(Left) This year saw the introduction of the 440 Crawler, a precursor to the changeover to all yellow machines the following year. The 440 also featured an easy-to-operate, inside-mounted hydraulic blade.



1965: Early ergonomics

The John Deere 440 Skidder *(left)* changed the game when it was released in 1965. Before its arrival, wheeled skidders were little more than an engine in a frame. The 440 brought operator comfort into the equation to increase safety and productivity.



1977: The start of the harvester

Released in 1977, the John Deere 743 Tree Harvester *(below)* combined the speed of rubber tires with the reach of a boom, allowing operators to harvest two trees a minute as it paved the way for today's modern harvesters.



1998: Going global

In 1998, John Deere partnered with Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. to manufacture purpose-built, excavator-based logging machines. Deere-Hitachi Specialty Products (DHSP) is located in Langley, British Columbia.



2000: A new alliance

In 2000, John Deere purchased both Timberjack and Waratah. In addition to bringing exciting new technology and R&D assets to the brand, this purchase solidified John Deere as the clear worldwide leader in forestry.



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John Deere: Growing for 175 years

1883: Helping homestead a country

An 1883 catalog featured a complete sawmill, a familiar sight at many self-reliant family farms of the era.



1937: Customer ingenuity

Here we see a John Deere Model D tractor that has been pressed into service as a logging winch. The wheels and seat were removed and wooden skids attached to the front, enabling the winch to be powered from the stationary machine.



1949: Mastering the woods

In 1949, John Deere released the machine that would take the logging world by storm: the "MC" Crawler. The "MC" earned high marks from loggers due to its prowess in tough terrain such as steep slopes and soft soil.



1958: Versatility in motion

This shot from 1958 *(top)* shows off the versatility of the John Deere 420 Crawler, while the 440 IC *(bottom)* is seen loading logs. These tracked machines earned a well-deserved reputation for durability.

1961: The blueprint for modern skidders

In 1961, Timberland Machines released the Timberjack 200 Series Skidder. Available with a 61-horsepower Ford gasoline engine, the first articulated skidder to bear the Timberjack name had a suggested list price of \$8925.



1997: The customer equation

In the late '90s, customer and dealer feedback was brought into the design process through the formation of dealer and customer advocacy groups, known as DAGs and CAGs. This user-centric approach to design was another John Deere first.



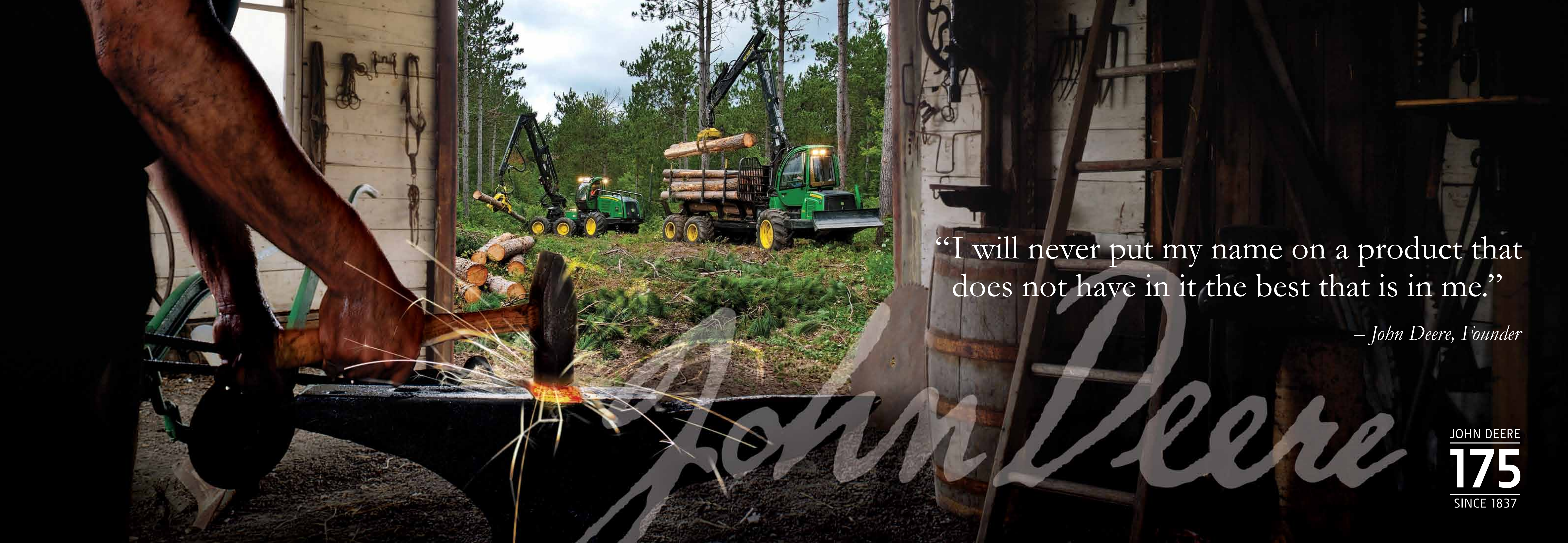
2000: Use your head

Along with Timberjack, Waratah became a part of John Deere Forestry in 2000, providing our customers with products like this Waratah HTH623C, which puts the power of processing at the landing—and your fingertips.



2012: No look back would be complete

without a quick glimpse forward. John Deere is proud of our contribution to the forestry industry, and looks forward to continuing to provide you with the same level of innovation today, tomorrow, and for the next 175 years.



“I will never put my name on a product that does not have in it the best that is in me.”

— John Deere, Founder

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