

**Innovation as
a strategy!**

Information sheet for customers,
business partners and employees
2022 edition

**MUS-MAX®
NEWS**



**Thank you very much for the pleasant work together
and the trust you have placed in us.**

*We wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy,
happy and successful 2023!*

Sponsoring activities: Musikkapelle Groß St Florian

Federal Competition 2022: Ossiach (KTN)



Our music band has attained an excellent 3rd place in all of Austria at performance level D. President and Councillor of Commerce Erich Urch, Mayor Alois Resch, Bank Director Ing. Franz Schönegger and their wives warmly congratulate them on this great success!

The senior directors on vintage car rides

Councillor of Commerce Erich Urch and Helene Urch had great fun making the following excursions with their grandchildren and friends in their own vintage cars!



Porsche Museum Gerhard Lackner, Hitzendorf – the largest Porsche Tractor Museum in Austria – great design



Agricultural Technology Museum in Wundschuh – Erlebnishof Reczek. This is the largest exhibition on agricultural machinery we have yet to visit in Styria – simply worth seeing!

Riding with Patrick and Julia Urch



Riding with the MUS-MAX Team – Patrick Urch and Julia Urch

In this year's tournament season, RFV Preding (Preding Riding Club) was able to set up a great riding team with the two team sponsors MUS-MAX and Hanlo-Haus. After a 6-part tournament series, the MUS-MAX team, powered by Hanlo, was able to secure the 7th place out of 15.

Patrick Urch won the 4-part tournament series with his horse "Indurado Zeldenrust Z".

Julia Urch, with her horse "Enya S Z", took the bronze medal at this year's State Championships of Rural Riders (Landesmeisterschaften der Ländlichen Reiter) in Tillmitsch.

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MUS-MAX lives improvement:

As every year, the year 2022 began with very big tasks.

The order books are full thanks to our loyal customers, and production capacities have reached their limits. However, we are facing these tasks and structuring our production process to move towards the latest possibilities. An attempt is being made to improve production processes and to implement any potential for optimisation as quickly as possible. The warehouse in Factory II, for example, was almost completely cleared out, and the goods in the warehouse were cut down, and partly taken out in containers and under the projecting roofs. This area is now used for production, and we were quickly able to set up a new workplace this way for 4 to 6 employees, and this is already fully operational.

We are also breaking new ground with low-value, high-volume goods (consumables, screws, hydraulic fittings, etc.) and have introduced a KANBAN weighing system, which means we'll never run out of these goods, hopefully, and they'll barely cause us any more work internally. The system orders itself, is supplied externally and has been running smoothly to date – thanks to Kellner & Kunz and our new employee Marco Unterkofler (who has returned to us after a few years of training in another company) for overseeing the implementation and further support of the system.

At the same time, we are already preparing for the upcoming move into the main plant at the new company location, which is why all nooks and crannies – such as the attic, basement, etc. – have already been cleared out and now serve as STORAGE SPACE for the standard parts and semi-finished goods, because the existing

warehouse is simply too small.

The new building will hopefully solve the space problem here for many years to come, and we will then be able to ship all goods (standard parts, wear parts, etc.) from this central warehouse to our customers.

For our new building, big hurdles have opened up with regard to the permits, and we are working relentlessly with the experts to achieve a solution here this year. But we had to realise that it is very difficult to build a new building or to create more jobs in Austria during these times.

As a result of the war in Europe, the prices for the procurement of standard parts or purchased parts have still not calmed down, and we are still seeing considerable price increases in the double-digit range. As a result, we are forced to adjust our prices, though we keep them in the lower range, as we have been able to improve our productivity.

There were also several forestry fairs, for example, we visited the fairs in the Czech Republic, Sweden, England, Austria, Norway and France. These were very well organised by our sales manager – Mr Sebastian Starnberg – and we were once again able to maintain direct contact with our regular customers as well as attract new customers. Preparations are already underway for the 2023 trade fair year, where we are now planning to catch up on everything that had to be postponed. We are planning lots and lots of performances and hope to be able to handle the organisational aspects of them all successfully. Our sales manager, Mr Starnberg, will once again show a lot of personal dedication and present MUS-MAX to us even-handedly. I will also provide support in some cases so as to meet customers again, have nice conversations, but also leave the everyday life of

a production company behind me.

Investments are always very important in our company. This year, for example, many new welding machines have once again been procured and almost all welding stations have been equipped with professional work tables. For our new factory 4, some major investments in crane systems, welding robots and laser-cutting systems have already been brought forward. The still-vacant commercial property in front of factory 3 was also purchased, and further planning has begun there for an additional hall.

At the end of the year, we once again expanded our PV systems, which means that the entire roofs of factory 2 and factory 3 have now been fully developed. We currently have about 550 kW of power and will take further steps next year to get the energy costs under control. Thanks to all customers and partners of MUS-MAX. We will head into the year 2023 with confidence and humility.

The greatest THANKS of all go to all employees for standing by the company and producing these great products and delivering them to the customer.

A small quotation:

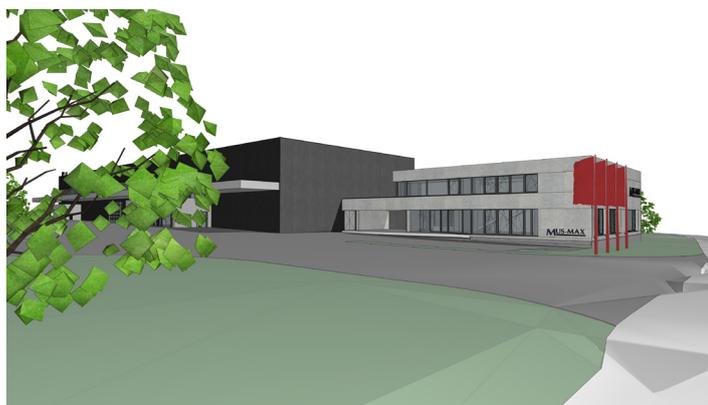
"Giving up on constant improvement means giving up on being good." (Philip Rosenthal)

I wish you all the best for the festive season and a peaceful holiday.

MD engineer Robert Urch



New factory IV new building in 2023 in Wettmannstätten



In 2019, MUS-MAX bought about 5 hectares of building land near the state road in the municipality of Wettmannstätten (Schönaich). The industrial property is located about 5 km from Groß St Florian, the main plant. This is where the head office is to be established with the company headquarters, in the new factory IV!

A team of industrial planners has completed the planning project according to our wishes and needs. The construction project is to be implemented in two construction phases. The company headquarters, with 3 factory halls, are to be built on the purchased

land. During the first stage, the production halls for sheet metal processing, a welding shop, a locksmith's shop, and the warehouse with the main office will be built. As you can see in the image, three halls covering approx. 6,000 m² and an office building are being built.

In the two pictures, you can see the design of the new building, where construction is to start in 2023. In 2024, sheet metal production, welding technology, silage technology and the office for factory I are to be relocated to the new factory IV building.

What on earth is going on in the world right now:

There are wars, environmental disasters, and deficiencies in energy sources and raw materials that have gone unidentified for years. Certain foods are also not available – what's going on?

Strictly speaking, it is now time for society to join forces and for the whole world to pull together. You think I'm naive? That may be true, but it's my life's motto to make the world more beautiful every day, for me and for everyone else.

On the other hand, there is a trend that is increasingly worrying me. More and more people identify with the sentiment of **"Those who are not for me are against me! If you disagree with me, you are my enemy."** This became clearly visible through debates about the coronavirus in recent months, when emotional trenches ran through entire families.

What kind of culture is this? We are familiar with it from societies we call radical. But are we not also on the same path here in Europe, in Austria? In my youth, which was admittedly some years ago, we would sit together for hours and days on end and discuss things. We seldom agreed, but this did not prevent us from subsequently parting ways amicably and continuing to meet again as valued sparring partners.

I was also present at many dealers' conferences, where things really got down to business. There were heated discussions on factual issues, but they were **never offensive**. In most cases, a solution was found. Things that could **not be negotiated** were ultimately accepted by both sides. And, in the evening everyone would end up together with a **beer at the bar. I miss that at the moment**. I believe that a black-and-white perspective is never the right solution and that our current situation can only become easier if we summon up all the necessary tolerance to also allow others to **"disagree"**. You don't have to consider everyone a friend to achieve this, but simply a person.

On that note, I wish us all well in this challenging time and look forward to interesting discussions. The **"upcoming trade fair period"**, especially, which has now kicked off again, provides a good opportunity for this!

Wood must remain renewable energy!

Systems using wood chips, biomass local heating systems, heating plants and pellet heating systems are currently being built throughout Austria. Almost 40% of Austrian households are supplied with biomass in the form of wood, wood chips, pellets, or local and district heating. There are already tens of thousands of **"green jobs"** that supply our biomass heating plants in a crisis-proof and sustainable manner. Instead of coal-fired power plants, we continue to rely on renewable energies in Austria. But this new way of thinking is still needed in Brussels. The European Parliament plans for timber from forests to no longer be included in calculations

relating to our country's ambitious goals. So, while Putin continues to escalate matters and turn the screw when it comes to gas, the EU is planning to cut back on wood energy. Heating plants, CHP plants and wood heating systems would have to be demolished and replaced, for example, with nuclear power, coal or natural gas. **"Isn't that ludicrous!"** This damages the security of Austria's and Europe's supply and makes us **even more vulnerable**. The EU project caused shaking heads and a justified outcry from the industry: trees that come from the forest (primary wood) should therefore **no longer be considered renewable**. Wood by-products (sawmill waste, storm-damaged timber, etc.) should continue to be classified as "renewable energy". On the other hand, it is completely incomprehensible to give **nuclear power the green light** and to reactivate **coal-fired power plants**, but to limit the green forest reserves. What the EU is doing here is paradoxical and will not keep our homes warm in winter!

Agriculture and agricultural machinery

"Where is the journey headed?"

Income in agriculture is currently rising steadily. Milk, beef and pig prices have recovered. The price of cereals is at a good level.

What brings cause for concern?

- Climate change/the environment
- Population growth/feeding the world
- The war in Ukraine/energy supply
- Inflation

Every year, there are areas all over the world, as well as here, where heavy rain and storms strike, resulting in huge crop losses in these regions. Nevertheless, animal husbandry is moving in the direction of "animal welfare stalls": large projects are being implemented internationally, and we are lagging behind nationally in Austria. The agricultural sector is therefore continuing in a positive direction – the machines are outdated, and investment in modern agricultural technology will continue.

What is the agricultural engineering industry doing?

Since world nutrition is still a problem, a great deal is being invested in European agricultural technology, especially in developing countries. There are good prospects and strong demand in agricultural technology. In the agricultural machinery industry, growth will continue globally because the machinery is outdated.

Europe and North America were the revenue drivers in 2021 and 2022, but the problem markets are China and India. The European backlog of orders could not be made up in 2022 – the orders extend far into 2023. Since there are funding programmes for agricultural technology around the world, a sales record could be achieved for agricultural machinery and tractors. The funding programmes are primarily intended for climate friendly and environmentally friendly machines and equipment. In conventional mechanical engineering, after a 4% growth this year, growth of only

0.2% (Germany 0.6%) is forecast for next year. The economic situation will therefore change a lot next year. But the agricultural machinery sector has potential for growth and will continue to thrive next year.



What makes me happy as a senior manager

1. That the business will continue to be run just as efficiently.
2. That my son Robert has the same urge to expand, with a large hall project in the planning and implementation stages.
3. That the decisive employees are motivated to undergo further training and are role models.
4. That we have great employees in the right places as leaders.
5. That many apprentices follow suit and that the young team works well together.
6. That the company is constantly investing in the most modern production machines and thus does not need to fear competition.

These points have a far-reaching effect and show how down-to-earth our business is.

I often say to my son: "Make decisions as your ancestors (all master blacksmiths and craftsmen) have done. They also worked with common sense and vision. Simply humble, human and with both feet on the ground!"

We currently have 6 masters, 1 MSc, 4 engineers and 15 apprentices. This is quality and promotes innovation and the progress of the company.

I also like the fact that the MUS-MAX brand is becoming more and more well-known and valuable.

It all started with silo cutters, maize mills, mixers and conveyor technology. Thousands of devices are still used on a daily basis, and spare parts are available for all devices. These successful products formed the foundation; now, the wood chippers for the production of wood chips are our priority. I will continue to take care of apprenticeship training, evaluation of operations, advertising, etc.

I would like to say "Thank you" to our great team of employees and thank you to everyone for the good work together. Unfortunately, economic vitality is decreasing a bit!

I wish our power team and their families, and all customers and business partners, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023!

Managing Director, Councillor of Commerce Erich Urch

PS: This year, we are once again donating a sizeable amount of money to the cancer aid association "Krebshilfe" and to "Licht ins Dunkel" (Light up the Darkness).

Dear Customers, Business Partners and Employees of MUS-MAX!

Two years have now passed since I had the pleasure of introducing myself to you as sales manager of MUS-MAX GmbH. Another very challenging financial year lies behind us. With respect to the coronavirus pandemic, fortunately some normality has returned compared to previous years. At the same time, we have been struggling with another crisis since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine at the start of the year, and this is also having a striking economic impact.

This crisis has led to a further massive increase in the raw materials market and, above all, the energy market, a circumstance that we have all come to feel over the course of this year, whether as business people or consumers. However, in recent years, we have also learned to deal with crises and, thanks to the optimisation of a large number of internal processes, I also consider us to be optimally prepared for these times.

From a sales point of view, our excellent order situation makes me very positive.

The books for 2023 are completely full, and orders for 2024 are already secured beyond the first half of the year. I am particularly pleased that, in addition to long-standing, regular customers, a large number of new customers have placed their trust in us and commissioned machines from us. It is also gratifying that we are once again welcoming a new partner to the MUS-MAX power team in 2022. In February of

this year, NORLOG AS took over the sales and service divisions for our wood chippers in Norway. Managing Director Arve Stenstad and his team have already participated in several regional agricultural and forestry fairs throughout Norway this year. This work is already bearing fruit, as the supply of two new machines are already planned for next year.

Due to the pandemic, it has unfortunately been necessary to forego some major trade fair highlights in recent years. This makes me all the more pleased to report on our trade fair appearances this year. In April, we started the 2022 trade fair year together with our long-standing partner Agama at "Silva Regina" in Brno (Czech Republic). From 02/06–04/06/2022, we were represented with our own stand for the first time at the well-known forestry trade fair "ELMIA Wood" in Jönköping (Sweden), where we were able to welcome a large number of new customers as well as existing and regular customers from Sweden and the neighbouring countries. This was followed by another trade fair highlight from 17/07–20/07/2022 with the "INTERFORST" in Munich. Together with our German sales partner Lochner Forsttechnik, we presented a WT 12 Z tractor chopper and a brand new truck unit of the type WT 11 RBV, built on a Volvo FH16 chassis. At the beginning of September, together with our various distributors, we presented our products at the "FINNMETKO" in Jämsä (Finland) and at the Karpfhammer Fest (Germany). Towards the end of September, an impressive appearance then followed at the "APF Show" in Alcester

(England) Here, our sales partner presented 3 machines, all of which had live demonstrations taking place several times a day. The 2022 fair year ended with an impressive stand at the agricultural and forestry fair "AGRARIA" from 23/11–26/11/2022 in our home market at the exhibition premises in Wels. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sales partners in the export markets for their professional execution of this year's trade fair events. We would be delighted to welcome you to one of our numerous trade fair stands next year. As always, you will find a detailed trade fair calendar on the back of this magazine.



I would like to thank all our customers and sales partners for the trust they have placed in us and for the fair and collaborative work together. I wish you a peaceful and Merry Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy New Year in 2023.

Sebastian Starnberg

Impressions from the 2022 fair year



"APF-Show" – Alcester (England)



"Elmia Wood" – Jönköping (Sweden)



"Interforst" – Munich (Germany)



"Finnmetko" – Jämsä (Finland)

"Better is the enemy of good"

With this as our motto, we have surpassed ourselves with the new WT 12 Z.

This tractor wood chipper has a large rotor diameter of 1.2 m. With a chipper rotor weight of 3 tonnes and a low rotor speed, the angular moment has a tremendous "terminator-like" impact force on strong, round timber. The large flywheel mass is transferred directly to the extra-strong chipper knives and ensures maximum throughput rates for the chipped material. With a large sifting area of 2.2m², the WT12 Z beats all tractor chippers on the market. This sifter size offers the advantage that the chopping material is no longer further broken down, which means that the WT12 chopper has the smallest fraction of fine parts among the chopped chips.



The power feeder goes about things "like a crocodile"

With an aggressive, heavy, large in-feed roller and an enormous in-feed width, it is a great challenge for a crane operator to be able to feed the machine. The right fast wooden crane with suitable crane tongs creates the large quantity of residual wood for supplying the tractor chipper WT12 Z.

For the operator, everything is as practical as possible

With trunk wood, the modern, load-dependent deactivation of the feeder works wonders: you don't have to worry about the chipper as it processes the wood fully automatically. The operator can therefore focus all his attention on loading the crane and on the discharge. All the important functions are permanently visible on the display. Changing the chopping electronics from, e.g., softwood to hardwood or fine wood chips or coarse wood chips or changing the belt speed takes just a few seconds! This "high-tech" CAN bus control can do much more, but this needs to be explained by an expert.





Toolbox at the front of the Fendt



Standard wood chips



The WT12 Z Wood Terminator is a "mega" wood chipper. With strong tractors, it delivers the highest throughput rates and perfect quality wood chips. The ideal premium tractor chipper for the modern farmer! Ahead of the curve with this chipping performance!

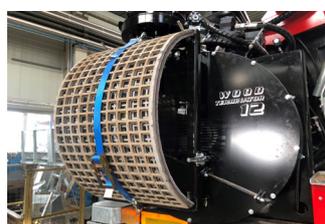
Vorsprung durch Technik – Advantage through technology

- You can drive around the clock in the course of agriculture and forestry – no tachograph is necessary (even on weekends).
- The tractor no longer gets stuck in any terrain, because it has large wheels that can be equipped with snow chains, e.g., Claas-Xerion, Fendt 1050. There is also a rotatable, air-conditioned, open-view cabin in the Claas. These tractors have engines with larger displacement and are suitable for continuous operation. The chipper can also be equipped with a special, non-slip tyre tread.
- The in-feed belt is folded up and down hydraulically, without the need to get out off the tractor, which makes it possible to move quickly on to the next chopping station.
- The radio control on the ejector takes pressure off the crane operator. The movements of the ejector are controlled by the trailer driver.
- A perfect ejection stream makes it possible to fill trailers or bunkers in a targeted manner, up to every last corner.
- The flexibility of the chopper insert, the efficiency, the service life, the simple maintenance, the ergonomic handling, and the comfort for the driver – this is all only available with the WT 12 Z tractor chopper.
- **NEW:** The chopper blades can be re-sharpened seven times! These new, quick-change blades are extended to the original size after grinding with a laser sheet. No competitor currently achieves this economic efficiency.

Technical specifications		WT 12 Z
In-feed opening (WxH)	cm	135 x 90
Tree diameter max.	cm	90/75 *
Chipping capacity up to max.	Srm/h	300
Chopper or blades	units	14
Screen area	m ²	2.2
Ejection height max.	m	4.5–5.3
Throwing distance max.	m	15
Machine dimensions (L/W/H)	m	6.6/2.5/4
Net weight without crane	t	20
Net weight with crane	t	22
In-feed chain with roller	m	3.15
Power requirement for tractor	HP	420–600
Axles	units	2
Shaft design: top or bottom attachment		
* Softwood: 75 cm, hardwood: 60 cm		



Practical: tool box can be swivelled



Sifter and mount can be swivelled

Wood Chipper Truck: the new generation of wood chippers



This large wood chipper has a 6.2 m long ejection unit and thus throws the wood chips up to 25 m. The ejection stream is almost dust-free, which means the trailers and bunkers can be filled to the brim!



– WT11XL NMV with hydraulically driven expulsion fan

Welcome to the wood chip producer's professional warehouse!

The aggressive feed and the quick-reacting electronics allow for hassle-free work. Whole trees of up to 75 cm in diameter are pulled in without the crane operator having to lift the feeding roller. The CANBUS process control never slows the feeding belt, so the wood chips stay in the desired chipping length and the result is a clean, chunky, rather square wood chip. The large feed width (1.14 m) has great advantages, especially for shrubbery and treetops. The high hydraulic pressure of the massive upper feed roller gives you beautiful, even wood chips even in the case of logging residue (P16S or P31S as well as P45S and P63 [ISO EN 17225 1-4]). Thanks to the safe, fully automatic operation of the chipping machine, the crane driver can fully concentrate on his loading work with the crane. This way, a throughput of up to 200 stères per hour of chipping material can be achieved without any problems.



In-feed dimensions: width = 1.14 m, height = 0.75 m



Continuous bunker filling

Arguments that convince:

- ✓ **Top feed belt**
In contrast to the competitors, the feed belt of this hacker is 2.7 m long, which means the 4 m logs remain on the belt during crane loading and do not fall to the ground.
- ✓ **Top drive**
This machine has maintenance-free hydraulic drive motors for the feed screws.
- ✓ **Top efficiency**
The ease of movement of the chopping drum and the modern electronics of the in-feed controller ensure a previously unattained level of efficiency.
- ✓ **Top safety mechanism**
The patented foreign body safety mechanism of the chopping knives (against steel parts, stones...) has proven itself and prevents major damage to the chopping drum.
- ✓ **Top sieve change**
The sieve basket is divided, is light and can be changed easily by one person in a few minutes.
- ✓ **Top radio control**
The transporter can easily operate the radio control for the discharge functions himself and fill the trailer completely, thereby relieving the chipper crane driver.
- ✓ **Top expulsion fan**
Taken over as standard from the WT 12. Better throwing performance with smaller fractions of fine parts, less wear and tear and diesel consumption, and nicer wood chips.



Precise ejection stream



Exact chopping pattern



Wood chipper for tractors



Wood chipper for lorries



Wood chip blower



Wood chip blower for tractors



Silo rotary cutter Komet



Vertical silo cutter HMSB



Maize mill – Terra Mill



Maize mill – Giga 4



CCM silo distributor



Grain screw conveyor



Unloading screw conveyor for tipper lorries



Grain cannons



Whole grain silo system



Whole grain smog mill



Whole grain nitrogen dispenser



Mixer for CCM silage



Round automatic feeder



Animal welfare automatic feeder

MUS-MAX has secured many innovations with patents and copyrights.

88 Turbo CCM maize mill – proven a thousand times over!

The MUS-MAX maize mills

are particularly suitable for silage of wet maize (up to 55% moisture, sieve 8–16 mm). With a constantly uniform supply of grist and a separate air supply, very high silos can be filled without problems.

When grinding dry cereals (oats, barley, etc.), there is no need to convert the maize mill – only the sifter is changed

(sifter 2–4 mm). Chopped hay or straw can also be ground with a grinder knife and a special suction drain. To prevent dust, it is recommended to use a larger cyclone or an air separator with a filter. A permanent magnet on the underside of the filling trough prevents iron parts in the material for grinding from getting through.



Mills – 3-point fastening CAT II



88 Turbo 3 blades with gearbox, tractor power up to 150 HP - A powerhouse - proven 100 times over Mill direction of rotation - normal (left), blowpipe diameter 210 mm



3-point fastening CAT III



88 Turbo 4 blades with V-belt drive, tractor power of up to 280 HP Mill direction of rotation - reverse (right), blowpipe diameter 210 mm



Mill 88 Turbo – straw mill

Version with electric motor and moving floor. Loading with a loading wagon is possible. Special mills with electric motors up of to 200 KW available!



Excursion – rural district youth and vintage car club



90 girls and boys from the rural district youth stormed MUS-MAX GmbH in the evening. Councillor of Commerce Erich Urch and engineer Robert Urch, together with sales manager Sebastian Starnberg, told the story of the MUS-MAX company and outlined its future visions.

The decades-long development of the production of machines for forestry and agriculture was presented, as well as the latest tractor chippers and chipper trucks for lorries for wood chip production and contract manufacturing. The young people were

able to convince themselves of the enormous vertical range of manufacture of the company MUS-MAX.

We would be delighted if some young part-time farmers opted for an apprenticeship in our modern metal business.

Apprenticeship training is very important, as it results in good, skilled workers. We are pleased that so many young people were interested in visiting the company.

MUS-MAX would like to thank Veronika Pözl and Daniel Klug for their great interest and wishes them all the best for the future.



Wies vintage car club paid a visit to MUS-MAX on 23/09/2022 as part of an excursion. The participants were

very impressed and expressed their heartfelt thanks!

Automatic feeders for pigs! Ideal for "animal welfare stalls"



NEW: Pre-fattening feeders with 8 feeding places

(Fig. 1) The focus is more and more on species-appropriate animal husbandry, including in the pig sector. State subsidies provide incentives for this! MUS-MAX has been building automatic feeders for pigs for over 40 years. All machines are suitable for feeding CCM silage or for dry feed for

"animal welfare stables".

A new round feeder with a vibrating grille has been developed, which has more feeding places with less container content. Since feeding takes place fully automatically several times a day, this new round automatic feeder has proven itself in practice. (Images 2 and 3)



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Possible applications of the wood chip blower



Hopper



Filling with wood chips



Suction with suction hose



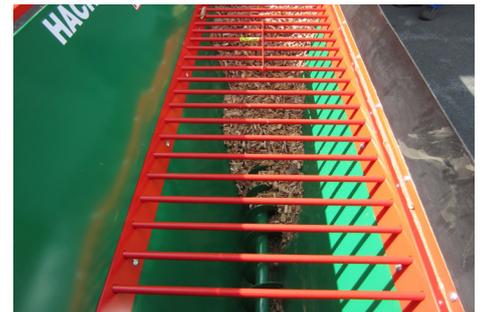
Suction can be performed with a suction hose or from the tipper door.



Suction fan – weatherproof



Swivelling tractor wood chip blower – achieves long blowing distances!



Electric wood chip blower with 3-m-long trough, available with electric blower motors from 11 to 22 KW.



Inclined wood chip conveyer with spirals of \varnothing 200 mm and 3 m feed trough (or feed hopper); screw conveyor length from 3.0 to 8 m.

Impressions from the handover of machines in 2022



Handover of the WT 9 XL DLR – Japan



Handover of the WT 11 XL RBV – Finland



Handover of the WT 11 XL – Austria

At this point, I am particularly pleased to be able to mention that this year, for the first time since the pandemic began, we were able to travel to Japan with our valued customers.

Over the course of 10 days, our application engineer, Mr René Theissl, and I visited a large number of forestry companies and service providers which have received machines from us in recent years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Theissl for his outstanding, customer-oriented work. In general, it is very important to us to hand over as many machines as possible directly to the customer and to train them. The requirements for wood chippers vary greatly from region to region, and only personal visits like this on site make it possible to tailor things to exactly to the needs of our customers. We will continue to pursue this approach in the coming years.

(Sebastian Starnberg)

MUS-MAX summer party on 8th July 2022

MUS-MAX: Summer party with the best employees

If you work, you should celebrate. In the case of MUS-MAX, headquartered in Groß St Florian, the summer party grew into a celebration of employee recognition. Maybe then it is due to the working atmosphere and the good cooperation that this company has such a masterful troupe.

Franz Sigl – Master of Machining Technology – successfully crowned his academic career with evening studies for a "Master of Science".

The two masters Martin Klinger and Mathias Zeck were also asked to make an appearance in front of the curtain during the summer party. Both successfully passed the "master welding examination" at WIFI Graz and are now entitled to use the title "IWS – International Welding Specialist".

The willingness of Messers Sigl, Klinger and Zeck to continue their training is all the more remarkable as their courses were part-time and required enormous personal commitment.

"We warmly congratulate the three masters. Employees like them form the backbone of our company. They bear responsibility and act as the best role models for our apprentices," emphasised Managing Director Robert Urch.

Another outstanding members of the



A powerful team: Front row from left.: MD Robert Urch, Florian Ofner, Franz Sigl, Martin Klinger, Councillor of Commerce Erich Urch, Prok. Helene Urch. Back row from left.: Mathias Zeck, Josef Stari, Alois Unterkofler, Jan Weber.

110-strong MUS-MAX team is Florian Ofner, who was able to successfully complete all three modules of the master examination in "Metal Technology and Mechanical Engineering" and also passed the trainer examination for apprentices. Of course, the "star" in the renowned West Styrian company was also mentioned. Jan Weber completed an apprenticeship as an agricultural machinery technician with stellar success, which earned him, but also the company, the title of "Star of Styria 2022".

Josef Stari (45 years in the company) and Alois Unterkofler (42 years in the company) can look back on a fulfilling working life at MUS-MAX. Both have now entered their deserved retirement. "We would like to thank them for the great

achievements you have accomplished on behalf of our company over the decades. We wish them much health and all the best for this new phase of their lives," said Urch, who presented the two with a gift from the management at the summer party.

Senior director Erich Urch concluded the rounds of honours with the words "Honour to whom honour is due".

The official part ended with some good news. Robert Urch announced an end-of-year bonus for everyone. He also reported on a commercial property purchase in Wettmannstätten and on the hall project, for which there are still some official hurdles to overcome.

In a jovial setting, we then celebrated together into the evening.

"All paths have an end,
An early or late goal.
Therefore fold your hands in the deepest pain
And say with humility, As God wills."
Kohélet



Sadly, but still grateful for the beautiful things we experienced with him, we announce that Mr.

Komm.-Rat **Erich Urch** Entrepreneur

on Monday, November 21, 2022, at the age of 69
gently passed away.

The funeral service for our dear departed will begin
on Friday, November 25, 2022, at 12:45 p.m.
with a prayer at the burial hall Groß St. Florian.
At 1 p.m. the Holy Mass for the souls will be read in the parish
church
followed by burial in the local cemetery.

We will meet on Thursday, November 24, 2022,
at 7 p.m. for the prayer of the soul in the parish church of Groß St.
Florian.

Forever in our hearts

Spouse **Helene**
Nina, Robert and Florian, Children
Andreas and Martina, Children-in-law
Maximilian, Patrick, Moritz and Julia, Grandchildren
Karla and Bernhard, Brothers and sisters
Sisters and brothers in law
Nieces and nephews
on behalf of all relatives

Instead of wreaths and flowers, we ask that a donation be made to
in favor of the Cancer Aid.

Groß St. Florian, im november 2022

At www.pinter-gmbh.at there is the possibility to light an
electronic candle or to condole online.

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Trade fairs in 2023

(subject to change)

- ▶ **10/02–11/02/2023**
Lamma Show, Birmingham (GB)
- ▶ **20/04–22/04/2023 Maamess**,
Tartu (EE)
- ▶ **09/05–11/05/2023**
Expo Biomasa, Valladolid (ES)
- ▶ **22/06–24/06/2023**
Euroforest, Saint-Bonnet-de-Joux
(FR)
- ▶ **24/08–27/08/2023**
Int. Forstmesse, Lucerne (CH)
- ▶ **26/08–31/08/2023**
Agra-Radgona, (SI)
- ▶ **01/09–05/09/2023**
Karpfhamer Fest, Karpfham (DE)
- ▶ **08/09–09/09/2023**
Eko-Las, (PL)
- ▶ **26/09–28/09/2023**
Austrofoma, Stuhleck (AT)
- ▶ **12/11–18/11/2023**
Agritechnica, Hanover (DE)



The MUS-MAX management team:
Councillor of Commerce, Erich Urch with
Helene Urch, engineer Robert Urch with
Martina Urch-Rossi

Many thanks for your work throughout
the year and appreciation to all hon-
oured employees on the part of the
company management!

Our successful apprentices



Good success at the voca-
tional school: Lipp Lukas
Excellent success at the
vocational school: Aldri-
an Alexander, Reinbach-
er Benjamin, Roth Phillip,
Spari Florian (2nd and 3rd
Class) and Temmel Jakob
(2nd and 3rd Class);
Good success in the LAP
exam: Roth Phillip

Company anniversaries in 2022



Ropitsch Patrick, Urch-
Rossi Martina and Sau-
er Matthias for their
10-year anniversary.



Mader Christian, Lepej
Janez, Gross Petra,
Kovats Josef and Kien-
reich Stefan for their
15-year anniversary.



Tscherner Alfred for
his 35-years, Jauk Au-
gust for his 40-year, and
Stelzl Edmund for his
20-year anniversary.

