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### About the cover

In February, those of us living in colder areas of the country often wish for a scene such as the one on this month's cover. For most of us, green sure beats snow, unless you love to ski or snowmobile. This issue we write about feeding horses. Because the horse's gastrointestinal tract is designed to digest primarily forage, fewer problems will occur when the diet is predominantly hay and pasture. However, while cattle can get by with less than perfect hay. This is not true with horses. They can suffer greatly by eating bad hay. Growing hay can be a moneymaker on some small farms. This is especially true if there are many horse owners in your area. Horse owners will usually pay top dollar for quality hay. Photo furnished by Vermeer Manufacturing Company.