

# Trends in the development of technical level of the specialized flax harvesting machinery

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**Abstract.** Production of domestic specialized flax harvesting machinery has almost completely stopped in Russia, and the technical level of available fleet machines is significantly conceded to foreign models in many indicators. The main indicators of the technical level have been predicted based on the analysis of the construction development of flax harvesting machine, main directions and achievements in agricultural machinery construction and related areas of equipment. Application of flax harvesting machine with this technical level will significantly improve energy efficiency in flax production.

## 1 Introduction

The technical level of flax harvesters and flax-pulling machine is one of the main factors that determine their competitiveness and consumer qualities. Domestic flax harvesting machinery mainly meets the requirements of Russian machine technology in functionality capacity, but it concedes on reliability, fuel efficiency, operator comfort conditions, level of automation and environmental friendliness.

The fleet of flax harvesting machine is replenished by foreign models, which have a higher technical level compared to domestic ones. The most promising foreign models are self-propelled, the power of this models is in the range of 150-245 hp., technical solutions are implemented in their construction that contribute to improving technical and economic indicators. They become more compact and maneuverable, and thanks to their modern design they offer improved visibility.

Table 1 shows the ranges of changes in indicators of the technical level of domestic and foreign flax harvesting equipment presented on the Russian market.

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**Table 1.** Main indicators of the technical level of flax harvesters and flax pickers (average value, in brackets - the range of change)

Indicators	Domestic	Foreign
Net productivity, ha/ h (Flax harvester / flax-pulling machine)	1,1-1,5/1,4-3,5	none/ 3,5-4,6
Specific fuel consumption, g / kW * h	224-238	209-245
Power, h.p.	80-109	150-245
Capture width, m	1,5-2,6	1,5-2,6
Working speed, km / h	7-12	15-18
Transport speed, km / h	20-25	25-37
Weight, kg	5400-6950	8500-10450
Energy saturation, kW / kN	0,9-1,1	1,35-1,79
Automation category	C-B	B
Turning radius, m	4,2-7,5	5,5-8,6
Noise level in the cabine, dBA	80-85	70-75
Environmental requirements	Euro-1–Euro-3	Euro-4
Availability coefficient,%	0,98–0,99	0,97–0,98

The aim of the research is classification of flax harvesters and flax-pulling machine by changing technological properties, as well as to predict the main indicators of their technical level.

## 2 Materials and methods

It is proposed to single out separately generations characterized by a significant improvement in technological properties based on the analysis of the development of the construction of flax harvesting machinery [1,2].

The first generation is the formation of construction of harvesters, replacement of manual labor with mechanized;

The second generation is increasing operating speeds and energy saturation by increasing engine power, increasing net performance;

The third generation is the formation of self-propelled harvesters, improving the quality of harvesting;

The fourth generation is automation and robotization of work processes, increased shift productivity;

The fifth generation is reduced structural weight, increased energy efficiency (cost per unit of useful work) and environmental safety.

The analysis of the world production of agricultural machinery makes it possible to identify the following directions of development of the technical level of flax harvesters and top-lifting machines [3,4]:

- an increase in the number of models of produced flax harvesting machines;
- growth in the capacity of produced self-propelled flax harvesting machines;
- reducing losses and improving the quality of products;
- improvement of engines, fuel equipment, filtration and air release systems;
- consideration of environmental requirements in the design of machines;
- the use of alternative energy sources;
- the use of an electric drive for the implementation of the technological process;
- the use of adaptive running systems;
- expanding the use of electronic equipment and automation tools for monitoring and controlling operations and processes;
- introduction of intelligent systems;

- increasing the efficiency of security systems;
- expanding the use of plastics and new materials;
- creation of comfortable and safe working conditions;
- introduction of modern finishing and painting methods;
- reduction in structural weight;
- increasing interproject unification;
- block-modular and modular-modular construction.

### 3 Results and discussion

Tables 2, 3 show the technical characteristics of each generation of flax harvesters and flax pickers, where Mop is weight of the machine ion operation, Mm- weight of machine. In these Table it were presented flex harvester of domestic and foreign production, where:

- LK-7 is flex harvester type 7, tractor-hitched;
- LK-5 is flex harvester type 5, tractor-hitched;
- LKB-4T is flex harvester type 4 modernized, tractor-hitched;
- LK-4A is flex harvester type 4, tractor-hitched;
- LS35 is self-propelled flex harvester;
- LT-7 is flex-pulling machine type 7, tractor-hitched;
- TLN-1,5 is flex-pulling equipment , tractor-hitched;
- LT-4 is flex-pulling machine type 4, tractor-hitched;
- MTL-1,5 is flex-pulling equipment, tractor-hitched;
- TLP-1,5K is flex-pulling machine type 4, tractor-hitched;
- LTS-1,65 is flex-pulling machine, self-propelled with capture width 1,65 m;
- LTS-2 is flex-pulling machine, self-propelled with capture width 2,0 m;
- LTD-220 is flex-pulling machine, self-propelled with capture width 2,20 m;
- UnionGX220 is flex-pulling machine, self-propelled;

**Table 2.** Technical characteristics of flax harvesters.

Genera tion	Model	Work ing speed , km/h	Cap ture wid th, m	Productivity of pure time, ha/h	Pow er, kWt	Weight, kg (M <sub>op</sub> +M <sub>m</sub> )	Energy saturati on, kW / kN	Catego ry of autom ation
The first	LK-7	3,5-5	2,66	1,1	42	3700+2570	0,67	D
	LK-5	3,5-5	1,9	0,7	42	3700+2200	0,7	D
The second	LKB- 4T	7-10	1,52	1,05	62	3800+1850	1,09	D
	LK-4A	9-10	1,52	1	62	3800+2100	0,9	D
The third	LS35	9-10	1,65	1,1	77	6950	1,1	C
The fourth	analogu e LS35	9-10	1,65	1,15 (changeable)	77	6950	1,1	B
The fifth (foreca st)	analogu e LS35	9-10	1,65	1,15 (changeable)	77	4500	1,7	B (A)

**Table 3.** Technical characteristics of flax picking machines

Generation	Model	Working speed, km/h	Capture width, m	Productivity of pure time, ha/h	Power, kWt	Weight, kg (M <sub>op</sub> +M <sub>m</sub> )	Energy saturation, kW / kN	Category of automation
The first	LT-7	3,5-5	2,66	0,9-1,3	17	2600+1400	0,4	D
The second	TLN-1,5	5-8	1,5	0,75-1,2	14	1560+260	0,77	D
	LT-4	6-9	1,52	0,9-1,35	42	3700+1500	0,8	D
	MTL-1,5	10 (7,2)	1,5	1,01	38	2600+460	1,2	D
	TLP-1,5K	18	1,5	1,04	62	3800+1380	1,17	D
The third	LTS-1,65	5-12	1,65	1,4	80	4500	1,75	C
	LTS-2	15	2	0,8-1,6	109	6800	1,6	C
	LTD-220	18	2,6	3,5	80	5400	1,5	C
The fourth	Union GX220	18	2,6	4,6	188	10460	1,79	B
The fifth (forecast)	analog LTD-220	18-20	2,6	3,5 (changeable)	90	4500	2	B (A)

Based on the development trends of flax harvesters and flax pickers, the forecast of flax production technologies, advances in science and technology, the main indicators of flax pickers and flax harvesters of the fifth generation are proposed (Table 4).

**Table 4.** Main indicators of technical requirements for flax harvesters and flax pickers

Indicators	Flax harvesters	Flex-pulling machine
Operating Power, kWt	80-100	90-110
Capture width, m	1,65	2,6
Working speed, km/h	10-12	18-20
Transport speed, km / h	35-40	35-40
Productivity of pure time, ha/h	1,7	4,6
Changeable productivity, ha/h	1,15	3,5
Coefficient of changeable,%	0,7-0,8	0,75-0,85
Weight, kg	4500	4500
Energy saturation, kW / kN	1,7-2,2	2,0-2,4
Category of automation	A	A
Environmental requirements	EURO-4	E EURO-4Bpo-4
Maximum soil pressure, kN	80-100	80-100
Noise level in the cabine, dBA	70-72	70-72
Availability coefficient,%	0,98-0,99	0,98-0,99

## 4 Conclusions

The use of flax harvesters and flax-picking machines with the proposed parameters will reduce the total specific energy consumption of a unit of useful work by 1.4-1.6 times, environmental safety, competitiveness, and will also significantly increase the level of marketability and profitability of flax fiber production in Russia.

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