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**Equipment for harvesting — Forage  
harvesters —**

Part 2:  
**Specification of characteristics and  
performance**

*Matériel de récolte — Récolteuses-hacheuses-chargeuses de  
fourage —*

*Partie 2: Spécification des caractéristiques et des performances*



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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8909-2:1994), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- updates to normative references;
- precision of description of forage harvester characteristics.

A list of all parts in the ISO 8909 series can be found on the ISO website.

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# Equipment for harvesting — Forage harvesters —

## Part 2: Specification of characteristics and performance

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the methods and requirements in assessing the dimensions and performance of a forage harvester, as defined in ISO 8909-1, and its functional components. It also allows comparison of forage harvester performance through comparative testing.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 500-1, *Agricultural tractors — Rear-mounted power take-off types 1, 2, 3 and 4 — Part 1: General specifications, safety requirements, dimensions for master shield and clearance zone*

ISO 730, *Agricultural wheeled tractors — Rear-mounted three-point linkage — Categories 1N, 1, 2N, 2, 3N, 3, 4N and 4*

ISO 789-3, *Agricultural tractors — Test procedures — Part 3: Turning and clearance diameters*

ISO 5715, *Equipment for harvesting — Dimensional compatibility of forage harvesting machinery*

ISO 8909-1:2021, *Equipment for harvesting — Forage harvesters — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 8909-3:2021, *Equipment for harvesting — Forage harvesters — Part 3: Test methods*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions in ISO 8909-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 4 Forage harvester assessment requirements

#### 4.1 General

**4.1.1** All dimensions and performance, defined in ISO 8909-1:2021, Clauses 5 and 7, and relating to forage harvesters and their components, shall be assessed in accordance with their definition and any requirements in this document.

**4.1.2** The dimensions of hubs, wheels and tyres, and the positions of axles shall be recorded on the test report in ISO 8909-3:2021, Clause 7. Tyres shall be inflated to the service pressure recommended by the forage harvester manufacturer.