

## *Agriculture*

Life for early homesteaders in the Bruderheim area was hard work – laborious and time consuming – and agriculture played a major role. The early farmstead included any number and variety of livestock and poultry. Clydesdale and Percheron horses were depended upon for power and transportation, and the raising of cattle for meat and milk became a common venture. Chickens and turkeys were raised for eggs and meat, and ducks and geese were kept primarily for their feathers for pillows and comforters. In the early days, crops were seeded and threshed by hand. Over the years, technological change transformed farm life, with the introduction of machinery, electricity and fuel.



An old-time tractor used for threshing.