






Lawn Mowers & Tractors

Ratings (As of June 2019)		    					Survey Results		Test Results						
Overall Score	Brand & Model	Predicted Reliability	Owner Satisfaction	Side discharging	Mulching	Bagging	Evenness	Handling	Noise at ear	Noise at 25 ft.					
Lawn tractors															
90	John Deere X350-42 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
89	John Deere S240-48 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
89	John Deere E160 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
86	John Deere E130 \$ BEST BUY	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
85	John Deere E140 \$ BEST BUY	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
80	Husqvarna TS 354X	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
78	John Deere E110	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
77	Cub Cadet XT2 SLX50	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
76	Troy-Bilt Super Bronco 50 XP	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
75	Craftsman 27055	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
75	Craftsman 27042	↓	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
73	Cub Cadet XT1 LT46	↓	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓					
72	Craftsman 27040	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
72	Craftsman T240	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
67	Cub Cadet XT1 LT42 EFI	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
66	Cub Cadet XT1 LT42	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓					
47	Craftsman 20372	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓					
45	Craftsman T110	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↑	↓	↓	↓					

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Lawn tractors zero-turn										
85	John Deere Z345R-42 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓
84	Toro MyRIDE TimeCutter MX5075 74768² ✓ RECOMMENDED Alert Consumer Reports rates the optional TimeCutter MX & SWX Twin Bagger (79395) for this mower a Don't Buy: Safety Risk because its installation requires unbolting its discharge chute/deflector, which exposes the cutting blade. Toro advises against operating the product without the discharge deflector or bagging tube, but CR believes if the bagging tube repeatedly clogs in thick or tall grass a consumer could foreseeably use the mower without the tube installed, posing a laceration and thrown-objects risk (when a blade contacts things like rocks and sticks, they can become dangerous projectiles). If you already own the bagging kit, we suggest you stop using it, reinstall the discharge deflector assembly, and mow in the side-discharge or mulching mode.	↑	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
83	Toro TimeCutter SS4225 74726 \$ BEST BUY	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓
83	John Deere Z335E-42 \$ BEST BUY	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↓
83	John Deere Z375R-54 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
83	John Deere Z355E ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
82	Toro MX5000 74773² ✓ RECOMMENDED Alert Consumer Reports rates the optional TimeCutter MX & SWX Twin Bagger (79395) for this mower a Don't Buy: Safety Risk because its installation requires unbolting its discharge chute/deflector, which exposes the cutting blade. Toro advises against operating the product without the discharge deflector or bagging tube, but CR believes if the bagging tube repeatedly clogs in thick or tall grass a consumer could foreseeably use the mower without the tube installed, posing a laceration and thrown-objects risk (when a blade contacts things like rocks and sticks, they can become dangerous projectiles). If you already own the bagging kit, we suggest you stop using it, reinstall the discharge deflector assembly, and mow in the side-discharge or mulching mode.	↑	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
79	Craftsman Z530 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
76	Cub Cadet RZT SX 42 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
76	Cub Cadet Ultima ZT2-50 ✓ RECOMMENDED	↓	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
74	Troy-Bilt Mustang 50	↑	↑	↑	↑	N/A	↑	↑	↓	↓
68	Troy-Bilt Mustang 54 XP	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
67	Ariens Zoom 42 915213	↓	↑	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
66	Ryobi RY48ZTR75	-	-	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
65	Husqvarna Z242F	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
62	Cub Cadet RZT L 34	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓	↑	↑	↓	↓
61	Cub Cadet RZT S Zero (Electric)	↓	↑	↑	N/A	N/A	↑	↓	↑	↑

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59	Husqvarna Z254 [Item# 806317] (Lowe's)														
57	Husqvarna Z142					N/A									
56	Snapper 360 Z														

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Predicted reliability – Predicted reliability icons are based on estimated problem rates for newly purchased riding mowers, not under service contract, within the first five years of ownership for lawn tractors and zero-turn mowers and the first four years for rear engine riders.

Owner Satisfaction – Owner satisfaction icons are based on the proportion of members who are extremely likely to recommend their riding mower to their friends and family.

Side discharging – How far and evenly clippings were dispersed from the discharge chute.

Mulching – Reflects how fine the clippings are and how completely the mower distributed its clippings over the lawn's surface.

Bagging – Denotes how much clippings the bag held before it filled or the chute clogged.

Evenness – Judgement of how close the tractors came to even, carpet-like mowing.

Handling – Includes clutching or drive engagement, braking, steering, turn radius, and stability.

Noise at ear – Noise measured at the operator's ear in decibels. Models scoring Fair or Poor exceeded 85 decibels, a level at which hearing protection is recommended.

Noise at 25 ft. – Noise measure in decibels at a distance of 25-feet simulating a neighbor's exposure.