Bucher yesterday: from blacksmith’s shop to global corporation

**1807** Heinrich Bucher(-Weiss) (1784–1850) ran the Murzeln blacksmith’s shop in Niederweningen.

**1817** A fire destroyed the blacksmith’s shop, and a new “headquarters” was built by the Surb river.

**1844** Heinrich Bucher(-Bucher) (1815–1876) took over the blacksmith’s shop.

**1853** Water power now drove the bellows and hammer in the workshop where agricultural implements were made.

**1871** Johann Bucher(-Manz) (1843–1919) took over the business. 4 employees.

**1874** Business registered as “Johann Bucher, mechanische Werkstätte, Fabrikation von mechanischen Bestandteilen landwirtschaftlicher Maschinen”.

**1890** Bucher was also selling foreign-made agricultural machinery.

**1891** The Wehntal railway was opened, with Niederweningen as its terminus.

**1891-1900** Bucher had great success selling McCormick mowers made in the USA.

**After 1895** Collaboration with Fahr in Gottmadingen, Germany. Imports of fork hay tedders.

**1896** Company renamed “Maschinenfabrik Johann Bucher-Manz, Niederweningen”. 30 employees.

**1897** A Sulzer 25 hp steam engine powered some 30 machine tools.

**1901** First hydraulic fruit press with a 600 bar high pressure pump.

**1904** Jean Bucher (-Guyer) (1875-1961) took over the company’s management.

**1918** Company renamed “Maschinenfabrik Jean Bucher-Guyer”. 150 employees.

**1921** The “Luna” centrifugal slurry pump found a ready market in Switzerland and abroad.

**1923** “Maschinenfabrik Johann Bucher” established in Griessen, Südbaden.

**1931** The “Mostfritz” fruit press won new customer groups.

**1934** A horse-drawn mower with an auxiliary engine was Bucher’s first motorized agricultural machine.


**1938** Wehntal railway line extended to the factory site.

**1940** First presses for the plastics industry.

**1945** First “Record” two-wheel power mower. By 2003, a total of 116 000 two-wheel motor-driven machines had been delivered.

**1946** Bucher-Guyer acquired a stake in Kuhn, agricultural machinery manufacturer in Saverne, France.

**1950** The KT 10 walking tractor went into production.

**1951** Business converted into a joint stock company named “Bucher-Guyer AG”.

**1954** Production of the Bucher tractor started up. By 1964, a total of 5 000 had been delivered.

**1962** Bucher self-loading trailer sparked a sales boom. By 1987, a total of 12 000 had been delivered.

**1963** Bucher started selling Fiat tractors.
1965  First HP 5000 universal fruit press.

1966  Agricultural and municipal transporter went into production.

1967  Management taken over by directors Rudolf Hauser (1937), as delegate of the board, Hans Hauser (1935–1996) and later Thomas Hauser (1940).

1969  Gyrorakes, and later mower conditioners, went into production under licence.

1972  First TS thermoset injection moulding machine.

After 1975  Bonds listed on the stock exchange and publication of an annual report.


1989  Laeis GmbH acquired (Laeis-Bucher).


1994  Schörling truck-mounted sweeper business acquired and Bucher-Schörling established.


1994-2002  A total of 3 600 “Duro” all-terrain vehicles delivered, of which 3000 went to the Swiss army.

1996  Core businesses organized into divisions: agricultural machinery (Kuhn Group), vehicles (Bucher Municipal), food processing (Bucher Process), hydraulic components (Bucher Hydraulics) and machinery (Laeis-Bucher).

1998  Emhart Glass acquired as another core business.

2000  Bucher Holding AG became “Bucher Industries AG”.

2002  Phillip Mosimann appointed chief executive officer, Rudolf Hauser chairman of the board.

2003  Power mower business sold, marking the end of agricultural machinery manufacturing at the Niederweningen site.

2003  “Duro” all-terrain vehicle business sold.

2003  Remaining operations of the former (Laeis-Bucher) machine division sold.


2005  Bucher Industries standard registered shares listed on the stock exchange.

2006  Group sales of CHF 2.087 million, 6 775 employees.
Bucher today: serving its customers worldwide

| Our customers worldwide | Farmers and agricultural contractors | City and local authorities
| Airports
| Industrial plants |
| Our range of products | Machinery for soil preparation, seeding, fertilizing, spraying, hay and silage making, bedding and feeding | Municipal vehicles for cleaning and snow clearing of public and private traffic areas |
| Hay and silage making and soil preparation machines | Compact and truck-mounted sweepers and airport cleaning equipment |
| Did you know that... | ...One in three stems of fodder mechanically harvested worldwide is cut by a machine from Kuhn Group? | ...One in three pavements mechanically swept in Europe is cleaned by a municipal vehicle from Bucher Municipal? |
| Our organization in five industrially related divisions | Kuhn Group
The world’s leading supplier of mounted and trailed agricultural machinery | Bucher Municipal
The world’s leading supplier of municipal cleaning vehicles |
| Main locations | France, USA, Brazil | Switzerland, Germany, Italy, UK, Denmark, Latvia, South Korea and Australia |
| 2006 sales (CHF million) | 779 | 537 |
| 2006 employees | 2,748 | 1,482 |
| Our group | | |
Fruit juice producers
Wine producers
Food, pharmaceutical, and waste water treatment plants

Machinery and equipment for fruit juice and wine production as well as drying applications

Manufacturers of vehicles and machines, elevators and industrial equipment

Custom and application-specific hydraulic drive and control systems for mobile and industrial applications

Glass container industry

Glass forming and inspection machinery, components and services for the glass container industry

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**Bucher Process**
The world’s leading manufacturer of fruit juice and wine production equipment

Switzerland, France

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**Bucher Hydraulics**
A leading international manufacturer of hydraulic components for specific applications

Germany, Switzerland, Italy

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**Emhart Glass**
The world’s leading supplier of equipment for the glass container industry

Switzerland, Sweden, Italy, USA, Malaysia

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One in two glasses of apple juice and one in three glasses of wine consumed worldwide come off presses from Bucher Process?

...Many million tons of loads are lifted worldwide every day using components from Bucher Hydraulics?

...One in three glass containers/bottles used worldwide is made on machinery from Emhart Glass?

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Bucher tomorrow:
quality – innovation – success

Bucher Industries – a global technology group...

Quality products to serve our customers

Our roots lie in solid mechanical workmanship, steadily developed over two centuries into comprehensive technological expertise in hardware, software and processes.

Our hallmark is our pursuit of quality and precision to deliver value to our customers at reasonable cost.

Our customers know they can depend on the quality of our products and reliability of our services.

Our customers’ satisfaction and long-term business relationships with us are the cornerstone of our business.
...serving all its stakeholders

The success of our business is in the interest of:

- Our customers worldwide
- Our staff at all levels and in all businesses
- Our shareholders and creditors
- Our business partners, distribution partners, suppliers and service providers
- The public wherever we operate

Innovation for dynamic development and progress

Our company’s development and progress has always been, and will continue to be, driven by our ongoing commitment to updating and improving products, processes and organizational structures.

We strive to maintain a competitive edge and ensure market success by working intensively on innovations in products and services.

We have become European and global market leaders in our areas of expertise and aim to keep strengthening these positions.

The experience and professionalism of our staff at all levels and in all our businesses lie at the heart of our innovative capabilities.

Profitability in the interest of all our stakeholders

Financial health, profitability and creditworthiness are the key ingredients without which our business would not have been able to grow and offer the products and jobs it does today.

Leveraging the entrepreneurial spirit of everyone involved, we seek to deliver profits and create enterprise value.

The profits we generate represent the return on capital employed and provide funds to modernize and expand our business.

Our healthy financial position is the foundation for ensuring the company’s future in independence and prosperity for the benefit of all stakeholders.