

The History of Sloan's

The company has been family owned since 1931 and was founded by Rolla C. Sloan. The dealership was originally located downtown Assumption, Illinois. Rollin Sloan joined his father in the business in 1946. The company moved to the present location in 1952 and Rollin Sloan became General Manager. Larry Sloan joined brother Rollin in the business in 1957. Ten years later the dealership was struck with a tragedy as Rollin Sloan died in a private airplane crash. Rollin was flying to Moline, Illinois with John Ashley, an area farmer, when the tragedy occurred. Larry Sloan then became the new General Manager. Tom Sloan, Rollin's son, entered the business out of college in 1971. Tom was soon joined in the business by brothers, Craig and Jim. Craig worked one year and then started Grain Systems, Inc (GSI). In 1978, Tom Sloan became General Manager when Larry ventured into other areas of interest. Jim left Sloan Implement in 1989 to join brother Craig at Grain Systems, Inc. Tom Sloan is the CEO, Jim Steck is the COO, and Jeff Sloan is the President.

The Sloan's team has grown tremendously since its beginning in 1931. Through the Great Depression, into the 1960's, Sloan's operated primarily in Assumption, Illinois. During the 1960's, Sloan's partnered with other Deere dealership owners to operate 5 other stores through-

out Central Illinois. These dealerships were known as the Big Six Stores.

In 1993 Tom Sloan launched the Sloan Express catalog business in order to help farmers obtain new, quality replacement parts. Now, Sloan Express sells and ships parts and merchandise all over North America and continues to grow.

In 1996, Sloan had three stores in Central Illinois: Assumption, Taylorville, and Virden. In 1997, Sloan's added Shelbyville, in 1998 Atwood, in 2000 Carlinville and White Hall. In 2001, the Effingham and Hamel locations joined the Sloan's team.

In July of 2007, Sloan's expanded into Southwest Wisconsin with the acquisition of five more stores. These locations included Monroe, Mt. Horeb, Montfort, Bloomington, and Cuba City thus bringing the number of dealerships to fourteen. The fifteenth store was added in February 2009 when Vandalia, Illinois was added to the fold. After occupying a temporary facility for a year, Sloan's built and opened a brand new store near Interstate 70 on the Southwest side of Vandalia.

In July of 2009 they added their sixteenth store in Larnark, Illinois and in August of 2011 Litchfield, Illinois became a member of the Sloans family of dealerships. The company welcomed two stores in August 2014; Petersburg, Illinois and Havana, Illinois.

In August 2015, Fulton, IL was acquired. In March 2020, they welcomed two new stores; Winchester, Illinois and Perry, Illinois which now brings the company to 22 Stores and more than 500 employees. Sloan's continues to be one of the largest John Deere dealers in the United States and will continue to grow their organization in the future.

Today, Sloan's does more business in one day than the original store did in one year in 1931.

In September 2011, Sloan's broke ground to build a manufacturing facility to house a subsidiary business which processes and recycles non-ferrous metals. S.I.C. Recycling, Inc. is managed by Tom Sloan's son-in-law, Brady Bird, and Jim Sloan. The business has grown steadily since inception and now employs more than 45 people.

Sloan Implement Company has always been fortunate to have talented employees. These people have helped our organization grow to its present size. Sloan's has adapted to the change in the farm economy during the last 80 years and is dedicated to superior customer service. As several customers have mentioned, "No one runs a dealership quite like Sloan's." We are looking forward to another 80 years of serving the farmer in the Sloan's tradition. Our Mission Statement: To do the very best job we can for our customers.

What is the 3-5-7 rule?

Home design trends come and go, but one that has inspired a legion of committed followers is the 3-5-7 rule. The 3-5-7 rule is a formula for interior decorating that encourages homeowners to group furnishings in odd numbers. The intention behind such groupings is to ensure homes feel balanced and intentional without sacrificing aesthetic appeal. Adherents to the 3-5-7 rule feel that odd-numbered groupings allow for an ideal blend of scale and height that creates a natural rhythm

within interior spaces. Some even insist that odd groupings appear more curated. Size can come into play when pivoting to the 3-5-7 approach to interior

design. Three large furnishings can be arranged (i.e., sofa, area rug and a large piece of wall art), five mid-sized items (chairs, coffee table, etc.) and seven small pieces (candles, framed photos, etc.).



The environmental impact of shopping local

Shopping at locally owned businesses benefits everyone from local business owners to the people they employ to the communities where they operate. As beneficial as shopping local can be for small business owners and the communities where they operate, the planet is perhaps the biggest beneficiary of consumers supporting locally owned small businesses.

The environmental impact of purchasing locally manufactured and sold products is significant. Consumers who choose to use their purchasing power to support local businesses may not realize just how much they're helping the planet in so doing.

- Shopping local reduces your "food miles." Large grocery stores get much of their inventory from producers in other countries. Even stores that rely heavily on domestic producers may not limit their domestic partners to local farms. That means products may be traveling thousands of miles before they end up on the shelves in local grocery stores. This is often referred to as "food miles," and the more consumers can reduce their food miles, the more they help the planet. The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions notes that transportation is the largest source of carbon emissions in the United States, so anything consumers can do to reduce the amount of fuel needed to get food from farm to table can greatly benefit the planet. Shopping local grocers who source their foods from local farms is a simple and effective way to help the planet.

- Shopping local conserves fuel. Much like shopping local reduces reliance on producers who must travel thousands of miles to get their products on shelves in your community, it also reduces the time consumers spend in their vehicles. That conserves fuel and helps to reduce air pollution. That's an easily overlooked benefit of shopping local, but one that should not be taken for granted. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, an estimated 150 million Americans are living in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards. Emissions from automobiles are a major source of the pollution that's behind poor air quality, so anything consumers can do to reduce their fuel consumption, including shopping locally, can greatly benefit the planet.

- Shopping local protects land from developers. Another way shopping local benefits the planet is its link to preserving local farms. When local grocers get their foods from local farms, that increases the long-term sustainability of those farms. If farms are sustainable, they're more likely to remain in operation. Farms don't just grow foods, they also provide habitats for local wildlife that helps maintain local ecosystems. That domino effect begins with consumers who support local businesses by shopping local.

Shopping local pays numerous dividends, not the least of which are the many ways supporting local businesses benefits the environment.

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