

In 1831 McCormick's reaper was beginning to sell

The reaper business began to expand in '45

McCormick reaper of interest in facilitating opening up the vast new lands of Oregon to agricultural exploitation.

(married Utter in 58)

By 1847 - had plant in Chicago

33 men worked at machines
plant grew rapidly and
1855 daily capacity 40 machines

4000 reapers ^{were made} in 1856

page 35 he first put reapers together in 31

In 1834 McC saw for the first time a description of Ohio Hurd's reaper in an issue of Mechanic Magazine

He was skeptical as to much of the existing superstitions
He was naturally hopeful he didn't have to wait for