

Badge of a Shock Worker of Stalin Campaign for Large Harvest in Chelyabinsk Region, 1933.

In bronze-plated steel and enamels. Measures 35.3 mm in height x 32.2 mm in width. Two-piece construction. Variation with the Stalin's portrait and tractor applied directly to the badge without the wires.

Excellent condition, outstanding for this badge. The enamel is practically perfect, showing only a couple of microscopic contact marks invisible to the naked eye, no chips, flaking or noticeable scratches. The brass plating on the portrait and tractor is completely intact; where is the reverse still has most of the silver finish. The details of the writing and wreath are well-preserved and crisp. The screw post is full length, over 10 mm. Comes with an unmarked period wing nut that may be original to the badge.

Stalin Campaigns for increased agricultural production were launched in 1933 all across the arable parts of the Soviet Union. They came as a part of the new Party line in denouncing the "extremes" of total collectivization and aiming to improve the lives of collective farmers. This of course was too little too late for the millions of peasants who got deliberately starved to death in the previous two years of forced collectivization.

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