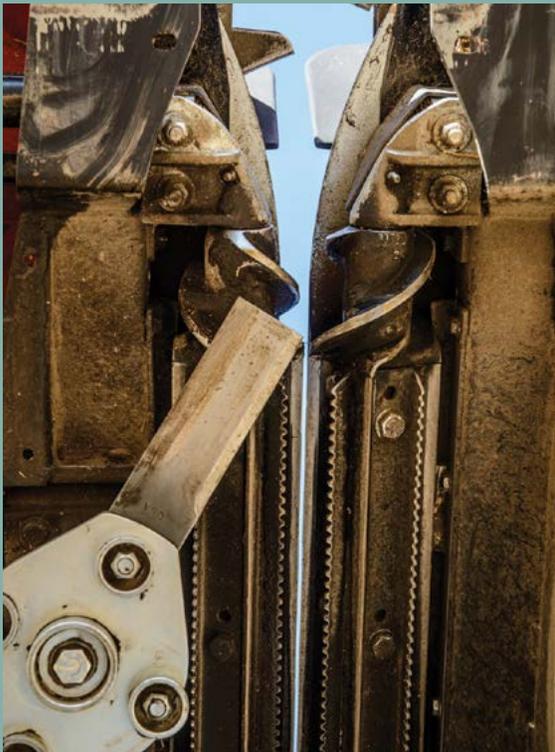


NEWSLETTER



Harvestec, the Agronomically Correct Cornhead

Greetings from Harvestec,

Wow time does seem to fly doesn't it? As hard as it is to believe we almost have a another harvest season behind us with the exception of a few producers still harvesting in the Northern portion of the corn belt. We here at Harvestec spent a good portion of this harvest season riding in the combine cabs with several owners to gain feedback on the performance of the 6000 series corn head during the 2015 harvest. We want to share their stories with you along with some updates on Harvestec the agronomically correct corn head.

A common theme from top corn agronomists is the importance of precise seed depth and seed placement to maximize corn yields. One of the biggest obstacles to accurate seed placement is the tough residue from today's hybrid corn varieties that interfere with your planter row unit's seed placement. What better time to get a head start on the residue breakdown process than right at corn harvest?

The residue sizing from the 6000 series row units gives Harvestec an advantage over competitive corn heads by giving the producer a head start on organic decomposition. This results in optimal seedbed conditions the following planting season, especially with corn on corn rotations. For more information call 1-888-432-3271 or go to www.harvestec.com

Interview with Bill Hoeg



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Bill Hoeg who was Case IH’s planter marketing manager for many years is now an agricultural equipment consultant based in Wisconsin spoke to us at Harvestec this fall on trends he was seeing. We asked Bill about what he saw from his view of someone who was focused on the planting portion of the crop cycle for many years about the importance of residue management.

Bill said, “The biggest obstacle to any planter of any color is the challenge with dealing today’s hybrid corn varieties which leave residue that seems to be getting tougher to get rid of every year. Every year I see more and more farmers trying using residue managers on the front of their planters to deal with the increasing amount of residue that remains in the field at planting time. I believe that a lot farmer’s focus on tillage as their principle way to deal with residue but the farmer that begins managing his residue right at harvest time is going to have the best chance to come out ahead in the battle against residue.”

The reason we say that Harvestec is the “agronomically correct corn head” is the unique snapping roll design. The 8 knives on the 6000 series snapping rolls take in less trash and can produce smaller residue pieces than most competitors that just use 4 pinch points. The unique Harvestec design has 4 serrated edge knives that crimp the corn stalks every 3” which helps accelerate the organic breakdown process by allowing sunlight and moisture into the stalk right away at harvest time. The serrated knives also grip the stalk aggressively pulling the stalk downward which helps eliminate trash intake. Alternated in between these serrated knife edges are razor sharp knife edges which cuts and sizes the residue.

Interview with Chuck Johnson

Pictured to the right is Chuck Johnson of Cambridge, Illinois with his Harvestec 6308 cornhead on his New Holland R7090 combine. Chuck has integrated a strip-till practice on his farm over the last 5 years which works well with the hilly ground on his farm. Chuck really likes his strip-till practice but one of his main obstacles to planting each year was the heavy corn residue that interfered with his planter and created a matt in between the rows. Chuck even thought about going with a chopping corn head but he decided to stay with a non-chopping corn head to keep some standing corn stalks to help catch snow in the winter and help with erosion control.



Chuck said “We have run an OEM corn head for several years and last year demoed another non-OEM corn head along with the Harvestec 6000 series corn head. We really liked the design of the snapping rolls and could tell a difference in the residue output of the Harvestec over any corn head I have ever seen. This past spring we could definitely tell a difference where we ran the Harvestec 6000 as we had our best plant stands on that ground. My grain sample improved with the Harvestec as well, I had my grain elevator manager tell me this was one of the cleanest samples he had ever seen!

“ We were starting to question the viability of our strip-till practice, but once we demoed the Harvestec head we knew we had found the corn head that could allow us to keep strip-tilling with this high-yielding hybrid corn. ”

Interview with Randy Richter

Randy and his family farm corn and soybeans using conventional tillage just south of Luverne, MN. Randy has been running an OEM produced chopping corn head that uses just 4 knives on the snapping roll for several years. We demonstrated a 6308C to Randy over several days in corn that was averaging 220 bushels per acre.

We asked Randy what he thought and here is what he said- “We really like the way it chops the corn stalks and sizes the residue. Once we got out and looked close to the ground we could definitely tell a huge difference in the smaller sized residue chunks the Harvestec left on the ground. We also saw a lot less ear bounce even when we pushed the header up to 6 mph compared to our other corn header. It also looked like our grain sample was a lot cleaner with the Harvestec.”

We are going to follow up with Randy this spring to see if he can tell a difference when they plant next year’s crop to see if he can tell a difference on the fields that were harvested with the Harvestec 6000 series.



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Interview with Jeff Fullerman

While we were in the Southern Minnesota area demonstrating the 6000 series header in mid-October, several days of 40 plus MPH winds hit the area which caused a lot of corn to fall over, creating tough harvesting conditions. We received a call that Jeff Fullerman was having trouble harvesting with his OEM produced chopping corn head with just 4 knives on the snapping rolls. Jeff had a field of 230 bushels per acre corn that was 50% or better blown over that he was having trouble harvesting. We took him a Harvestec 6308C to hook up to his combine and went straight to this same field to harvest. We rode along for the rest of the day and asked Jeff for his observations on the 6308C’s performance.



“ We were only able to run 1.5 mph in this down corn with my other header. If I ran any faster the cross-auger would plug and I was stuck getting off the combine and cleaning the auger out. With the Harvestec 6000 series I am able to run 4-4.5mph easily with the exact same conditions. ”

Jeff said “When we first looked at the Harvestec header at our headquarters when you (had) just delivered it, I could tell it would do a better job in this down corn with those aggressive looking snapping rolls. We were only able to run 1.5 mph in this down corn with my other header. If I ran any faster the cross-auger would plug and I was stuck getting off the combine and cleaning the auger out. With the Harvestec 6000 series I am able to run 4-4.5mph easily with the exact same conditions. I also like white snouts as I can see better in between the rows now that it is getting dark. In the standing corn I have never been able to run at 7.5 mph like I can with this Harvestec header. My grain cart and trucks have been sitting still most of the day but now we are able to keep them moving which improves our efficiency which is what we are always looking for. I will definitely contact my dealer to work up pricing on this Harvestec 6308C model with rotary end dividers.”

2015 Farm Progress Show

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The 2015 Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Illinois was a great experience for us at Harvestec as we met with several existing Harvestec and competitive owners. Harvestec participated in the corn harvesting demonstrations all 3 days as pictured above running a 6308C with red colored snouts. Each day we had several show attendees come up to our booth to tell us that they thought we did the best job in both chopping and sizing the corn stalks at the field demonstrations. It was fun to then show the same attendees the reason for this is our snapping roll design and chopper position on a 6308C we had displayed in the shipping position on our lot.

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Interview with Justin King & Shawn Rector

Justin and Shawn farm 4,000 acres of corn near Alexander, Illinois practicing traditional tillage with 30” rows. Last year they ran another non-OEM corn head with just 4 knives of the snapping roll and a rear mounted stalk chopper on part of their farm. The other part of their farm they ran a Harvestec 6316C chopping corn head. This year they purchased 2 Harvestec 6308C’s which they used to harvest their entire 2015 crop with their John Deere combines. We asked them when they decided to go with the Harvestec 6308C’s when we visited them late in the season with only 140 acres of corn left to harvest.

“ We could tell night and day where the Harvestec ran last fall because of the great job it did breaking down the corn residue. Where we ran the other brand of corn head with only 4 knives we had to come back this spring and run our Salford vertical tillage tool 2 extra trips before we were able to get that ground ready to plant. We also were able to run our Harvestec header faster at up 7.5 mph where our other brand header would experience severe ear bounce at high speeds. ”

