



**"GIVES YOUR GRAIN DRILL
MAX-EMERGE ACCURACY"**

Equip Your Drill With Seed Tubes

"It's just like the seed tube on a Max Emerge planter," says Joe Whitney of SI Manufacturing, Spencerville, Ohio, distributor of a new add-on seed tube for grain drills that is designed to greatly improve the planting accuracy, particularly in soybeans, of John Deere and IH grain drills.

"Anyone who digs up seed behind a grain drill knows he doesn't get anywhere near the accuracy in planting small grains or soybeans as conventional corn and soybean planters. These tubes improve both the depth control and spacing by carrying the seed directly down into the bottom of the seed furrow so that there's no bounce or drop at all," says Whitney, adding that, "If a Max-Emerge planter plants soybeans with 100% accuracy and a conventionally equipped grain drill plants with 50% accuracy, these tubes improve grain drills to 75%. There will still be some inaccuracy in spacing but you won't find seed on top of the ground."

According to Whitney, there is only one drill on the market that comes factory equipped with seed tubes, and he says he's amazed farmers have put up with the seed drop on drills, especially when drilling soybeans.



Add-on seed tubes drop seed directly into furrow between disc openers.

The metal seed tubes attach quickly to all John Deere 8000 series drills and all International 510 and 620 drills and sell for \$14.95 apiece.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, SI Mfg., Hwy. 117, Spencerville, Ohio 45887 (ph 419 647-4444).

"The letters will never fade or deteriorate," says Douglas.

EASILY READ FROM THE ROAD

Personalize Your Farm With Barn Lettering

"It's attractive and lets passing motorists know who you are and your farm's specialty — whether cattle, hogs, horses, seed corn or whatever," says Karl Douglas, of St. Mary's, Ont., who specializes in "barn lettering" for farms and ranches.

He stamps letters and animals of all shapes and sizes out of plexiglass. It's imbedded all the way through with whatever color you choose. "The letters will never fade or deteriorate," says Karl.

Individual letters are glued to a clear strip of acrylic plexiglass. They're assembled and shipped in 8 ft. sections. You can order your name in all capital letters, caps and lower case, or both.

As a rule of thumb, you can get by with 12-in. high letters if the message is to be located within 100 ft. of passing motorists. You'll need 14-in. letters at 200 ft., 16 in. at 400 ft., 18 in. at 800 ft., and 24 in. letters for greater distances.

The letters can be ordered in most any color of your choice to match your barn, silo, machine shed or whatever. Cost ranges from \$14 each for 12 in. letters, to \$23 for 24 in. letters. Cost of the animals, also made of plexiglass in the color of your choice, ranges from about \$50 for smaller sizes up to \$400 or more for large ones measuring 5 by 12 ft. in size.

"The 8 ft. long strips on which the letters are assembled are easily attached to metal or wood buildings," explains Karl. "They remove easily if you're painting the building. If you move to another farm, the lettering is easily taken down for use at the new place."

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Neil Nutt Signs, c/o Kark Douglas, 440 Queen St. East, St. Mary's, Ont. Canada (ph 519 284-2680).

GIVES ACCURATE NOZZLE FLOW READING

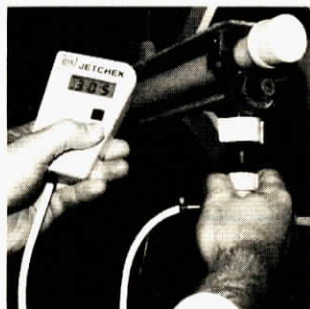
"Jet Check" Speeds Sprayer Calibration

"Farmers should encourage their chemical and equipment dealers to buy one," says Jack Jacoby of RDS America, manufacturer of the new Jet Check, a nozzle flowmeter that gives an instantaneous digital readout of flow rates from 0.02 to 1 gal. per min. within 2% accuracy range.

"You just hold the flowmeter up against each nozzle and press the button on the meter to get an instant flow reading in gal. per min. Because of possible exposure to the operator, the flowmeter should be used only with water," Jacoby cautions.

"It's much quicker and more accurate than using a jar and a stop-watch, or other such methods," says Jacoby.

The unit is battery-powered and has a hard plastic case small enough to fit in a shirt pocket. Sells for \$160.



Jet Check gives an instantaneous readout of flow rates.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, RDS America, P.O. Box 295, Watseka, Ill. 60970 (ph 815 432-5608).

Planter Press Wheels For Grain Drills

SI Manufacturing, in Spencerville, Ohio, has also come up with a modification kit for press wheels on John Deere drills that converts the single, vertical wheel to a V-shaped, two-wheeled assembly. A special bracket mounts in place of the single-wheeled bracket and the old press wheel, along with a new one purchased from Deere, is mounted on it in the same V-shaped configuration used on Max Emerge planters.

"The V-shape increases the effectiveness of the press wheels in increasing soil-to-seed contact but doesn't compact the soil above the seed like a single wheel," says SI Manufacturing representative Ron McCleery, noting that the press wheel assembly also has less adverse effect on seed depth than a single wheel that presses directly down on the seed.

The new press wheel bracket, available only for Deere drills, sells for \$9.50. Additional press wheels sell for \$25.89.

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These add-on "planter" press wheels are also available from SI Manufacturing.