

Stover-Collecting Header Chops, Windrows Stalks

Geringhoff introduced a new stover collecting cornhead at the recent Farmfest show near Redwood Falls, Minn.

The company says its Horizon Stover Collection (SC) header allows you to harvest corn while creating a clean windrow of stover at the same time.

The chain-driven system is contained inside a separate steel trough with an auger mounted underneath the header. Chopper blades cut the stalks into small pieces and send them flying into the auger, which drops them into a 5-ft. wide opening in the middle of the header.

"It eliminates the need to make separate trips through the field to chop and rake stalks. Also, it produces clean stover without a lot of dirt and trash," says Brian Papka, territory manager. "This header has been available for a couple of years in Europe, where they have an extensive network of biofuel production factories. Some biofuel production factories are now being built in the U.S., which is part

of the reason we're bringing it here.

"Clean stover is also important to cattle feeders. And the cobs and husks that come out the back of the combine drop right on top of the windrow, producing stover with a higher feed value."

Papka says the windrow is about the same width as the pickup on a round baler, "so you can make a nice bale without having to do a lot of weaving back and forth. The wide windrow dries out nicely, but if you want you can run the auger a little faster and make a narrower, taller windrow."

He says the stover collecting header leaves about 30 percent residue in the field, "which is enough to help reduce soil erosion. You can adjust the amount of residue by raising



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or lowering the header," notes Papka.

The Horizon SC header is available in 6, 8, and 12-row models and in either 22 or 30-in. rows. The 8-row model has a list price of about \$123,000.

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Hood Kit For Self-Propelled Sprayers

You can spray when it's optimal time for your fields and get more consistent coverage with this new broadcast hooded retrofit kit for self-propelled sprayers, according to Willmar Fabrication, LLC, Willmar, Minn.

The SPK645 kit is engineered to fit specific self-propelled sprayer models including certain Deere, Case, and RoGator models. The kit includes Redball Gen II poly hoods, lightweight aluminum receiver brackets, hardware to mount hoods on center section, and right and left primary boom sections. The hoods are 20 in. wide, with multiple hoods per section. Spray nozzles mount inside each hood.

The hoods are designed to allow for more effective spraying of field borders. University of Nebraska field trials have shown that compared to open booms, the new hood design helps limit spray drift an average of 90 percent.

In most cases, the hoods are designed to



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cover up to 60 or 70 ft. The kit's approximate weight is 9 lbs. per foot.

Initial installation takes about 10 hrs. After initial installation, hood assemblies can be

put on or removed in about 10 min.

The company is working on specific kits for most self-propelled sprayer brands. Sells for \$415 per foot.

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Front-Mount Rock Picker Makes Big Jobs Easy

This handy new rock picker is designed to pick up big rocks in the field and then swing them over into a rock box on front of your tractor.

"It's always with you when you need it, and it's never in the way," says Tyler Hunstad, a dealer/distributor for Ag Storm Equipment, St. Peter, Minn.

The Rock Hawk bolts onto any rock box and works like a small crane. It's equipped with a self-tightening, 3-claw grapple assembly on the end of a cable, and is operated by a winch that runs off the tractor's battery. The winch is controlled by a 2-way switch mounted near the mast.

To pick up a rock, you release the grapple assembly from the locked position, then hit the switch to lower the grapple, push the claws into place around the rock, and lift. Once the rock is high enough to clear the rock box, you push a fold-down, 2-ft. long handle to rotate the mast 180 degrees and then lower the rock into the box.

"The winch is rated at 3,100 lbs. so it can handle really big rocks. The biggest rock we've ever lifted weighed about 1,400 lbs.,"

says Hunstad.

The unit bolts on with four 5-grade bolts. The company supplies all necessary brackets and mounting assemblies for any rock box.

The Rock Hawk is available in green and black but can be custom painted to other colors. It sells for \$1,999.95 plus S&H.

The company is also introducing a rock box that dumps automatically from your tractor cab using a keyless fob. An electric gear motor is used to tilt the Power Box up or down. It's available in 3, 4 and 5-ft. lengths.

"The Power Box has twice as much storage area as any other rock box on the market. And it dumps automatically so you never have to get out off the tractor," says Hunstad.

The price for the Power Box had not yet been determined at press time.

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