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"THE COMBINE OF THE FUTURE"

Farmer Builds Articulated Combine

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Vogel's rotary combine is longer and lower than conventional machines, due to its articulation. Vogel says it follows the row "like no other combine". The header, sieves, cab and discharge auger are the only parts salvaged from other combines.

"I designed and built it from scratch," says Wayne Vogel, Fremont, Mich., about the amazing 4-WD, articulated rotary combine — it may be the first one ever built — which he constructed in his farm shop and has used for two seasons.

Vogel, who farms with his father Andy, contacted FARM SHOW after reading last fall (Vol. 6, No. 6) about a patent for an articulated combine which Deere bought from a German inventor. The article explained that while the articulated combine may be the machine of the future because the design allows combines to get bigger without getting higher and wider, it was not yet on the market.

"When I saw the article I thought to myself, 'I've already got an articulated combine. So, I decided to go public with it,'" explains Vogel.

His home-made rotary combine not only features the unique articulating design that makes the machine longer and narrower while splitting up the engine and drive components

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