

## Snout "Fingers" For Lodged Crops

Special "fingers" made of steel rods, attached to the ends of header snouts, pick up down stalks to save nearly all of badly-lodged milo and other crops, according to the Nebraska manufacturer Heins Welding, of Sutton.

Designed for Deere's row crop head but sized to fit any snout, the fingers require just a couple drilled holes to slip quickly on or off, as needed. Row width is adjustable from 30 to 36-in. rows by sliding them in or out of a 1/2-in. center pipe held in place by 2 bolts.

The fingers reach out about 13 in. ahead of the snout and about 4 in. below, although Heins says they can be bent up or down as needed. The ends of the fingers are curled up to keep them from digging into the dirt.

Heins hasn't tried the crop fingers in soybeans or corn but says there's no reason they shouldn't work. "You might have to beef them up a little in corn to handle the heavier load," he says.

The header fingers sell for \$70 per row and are shipped UPS.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Heins Welding, P.O. Box 108, Sutton, Neb. 68979 (ph 402 773-5256).

## New "Soy Saver" Divider Prevents Reel Wrapping

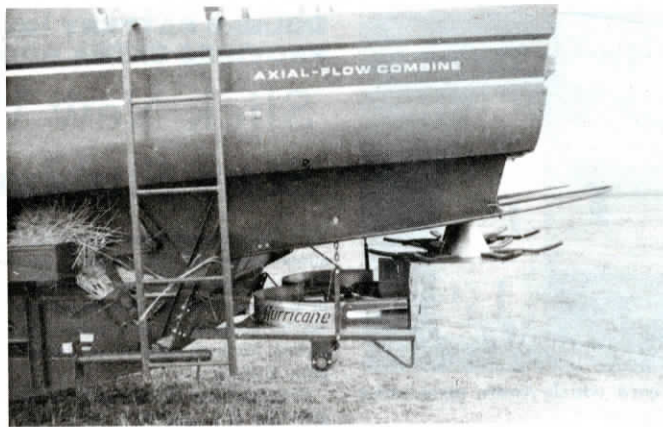
Now you can update your older combine platform with the new "Grau Soy Saver" divider that fits on any combine platform to prevent reel wrapping and plugging when combining soybeans.

Designed by Iowa farmer Arland Bloom, of Albert City, the unit is available from Soo Valley Sales, Sioux Rapids, Iowa.

"The Soy Saver not only prevents reel wrapping but does so without putting any weight on the sickle which can affect sickle flotation," says Bloom.

To install, you bolt a bracket to the side of the platform. The Soy Saver hinges off the end of this bracket and is held steady by a chain connected to the platform. The chain allows you to adjust the Soy Saver's height and also allows it to float if you drive through a ditch or hole.

Included with the device is a shoe that attaches to the outside sickle



## "Hurricane" Chaff Spreader

"Yields drop 5 bu. per acre or more in chaff rows behind the combine," says James Clarke, Clarke Manufacturing, Inc., Rosetown, Sask., manufacturer of the Hurricane Chaff Spreader, a "double-barreled" chaff slinger.

The Hurricane Chaff spreader requires less than 2 hp. to operate and doesn't affect the performance or capacity of the combine, according to Clarke. On conventional combines it's powered off one end of the rear straw walker crankshaft. On rotaries, it's powered by the rear beater shaft. On most combines it can be easily installed with no modifications to the combine other than a couple drilled holes.

The chaff spreader, equipped with a pair of rotating paddles, throws chaff out to either side of the combine in a 25-ft. swath. Once installed, you can still easily reach the sieve adjustment. You can still windrow straw with the spreader attached and it'll quickly swing down out of the way to let you get at the rear of the combine for repairs.

The Hurricane Spreader is priced from \$875 to \$975 for most combine models, although the Gleaner N

model sells for \$1,200.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Clarke Manufacturing, Ltd., Box 68, Rosetown, Sask. SOL 2VO (ph 306 882-2491).

## Belt Tightener

"Everyone who owns a series 53 or 54 Deere row crop head knows what a job it is to tighten the gathering belts," says Don Campbell, Dayton, Iowa, inventor of the "Easy Belt Tightener" which, he says, solves the problem.

To install, you remove the end gear, sliding the Easy Belt Tightener over the gear shaft bolt. The new tightener fits into an existing hole in the frame. When you need to tighten the bolt, just take a 3/4 in. wrench and adjust the nut on the tightener.

Campbell is distributing the Easy Belt Tightener through Jim Hay of Harcourt, Iowa. It sells for \$20 per row.

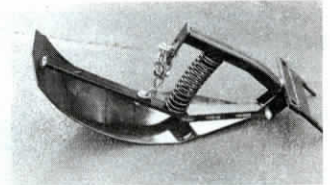
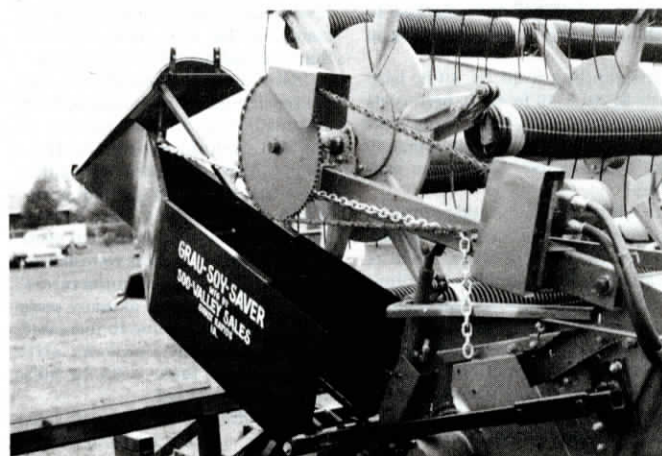
For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jim Hay, Harcourt, Iowa 50544 (ph 515 354-5219, or 5332).

guard and goes inside the snout itself to divert weeds under the sickle bar.

Soy Savers sell for \$680 a pair.

For more information, contact:

FARM SHOW Followup, Soo Valley Sales, 112-First St., Box 427, Sioux Rapids, Iowa 50585 (ph 712 283-2838).



## "Stalk Stomper" Protects Tires

"Stalk Stompers can save you a set of combine drive tires. Even if you trade the combine in, you'll get a better trade-in allowance because the tires will be in better shape," says Phil Foster, president, of this latest new product from Farmer's Factory Co., Lee, Ill.

He explains that Stalk Stompers attach to the header, using the same bolts that hold the snapper roller gearbox. A heavy-duty tension spring keeps the 8-in. wide plate flat on the ground, leveling the stalks directly in front of the tire. You set the height by first lowering the head to normal operating height, then setting the Stalk Stomper's height using an adjustable chain.

Foster reports that in last year's testing, muddy field conditions didn't cause any plugging or other problems with the device.

Stalk Stompers are available for Deere and International corn heads and will be available for other corn heads in time for corn harvest this fall, says Foster. They sell for \$122.50, each.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Farmer's Factory Co., Box 122, County Line Road South, Lee, Ill. 60530 (ph 815 824-2132).

## "Paddle Raps" Sweep Up Short Crops

New for combine reels are "Paddle Raps" — 10 in. wide paddles that fit onto the combine reel to help pick up short and down crops.

Manufactured by Easton Products, Blooming Prairie, Minn., the add-ons are an offshoot of the company's popular Reel Raps which are used to prevent bean wrapping on the combine reel.

Paddle Raps are similar in that they cover the reel's bats and springs, yet they're different in that they have 10 in. wide paddles that extend down in front of the tines. The paddles sweep low-lying small grain and bean crops into the combine. This "sweeping" action also clears the crop off the sickle and into the combine to reduce crop losses.

Paddle Raps, made of a tough plastic, pop rivet into place. They're available to fit Hume and most other combine reels. Paddle Raps to fit a 20 ft. head cost approximately \$224.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Easton Products, R.R. 3, Blooming Prairie, Minn. 55917 (ph 507 583-6610).