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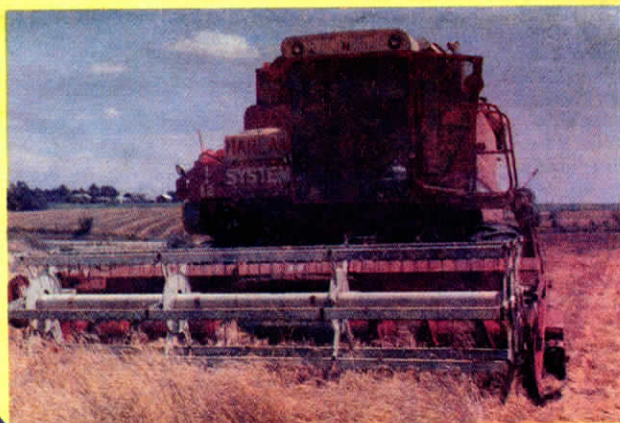
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## PLANTS AS HE HARVESTS

### Farmer Uses Combine To Double-Crop Beans

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No-till air planter units, tucked under header, plant "double crop" soybeans into stubble as wheat crop is harvested. Straw and chaff coming out rear of combine form protective mulch over freshly planted seed.

"It'll revolutionize double-cropping," predicts Nebraska farmer Dale Harlan, of Hickman, who has designed a header-mounted planter toolbar that lets him plant soybeans with his combine while he harvests wheat.

Harlan put the system together last year and planted over 300 double-cropped acres of both soybeans and sunflowers. Except for some minor problems with the "married-up" 1480 Axial Flow and Cyclo air planter, he says it worked exactly as he'd hoped when he first had the idea several years ago. He plans to use it again this year on all his double-crop acres and is in the process of patenting the idea.

"The beauty of planting directly behind the header is that all the straw and chaff is in the combine while you're planting so the seed is planted free and clear into the rows of stubble. As the combine passes, straw and chaff is dropped back over the seed and acts as a mulch, preserving what-

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