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To plant corn with his Deere 750 drill, Beckman equipped it with an International air planter. Seed tubes run from the Cyclo hopper to 6 row units. He injects dry starter fertilizer using row units on either side of the row of corn, carrying fertilizer in the drill's seed hopper.

COMBINES CYCLO PLANTER, DEERE DRILL

“Do Everything” Machine Plants Corn, Soybeans And Small Grains

By Mark Newhall, Editor

An IH Cyclo air planter mounted on a new Deere 750 grain drill lets Iowa farmer Paul Beckman plant corn, soybeans, wheat, grass seed and any other crop with one machine.

“I’ve been looking for ways to cut costs and simplify my operation. What could be simpler than having just one planter for all your crops?” says Beckman, who farms near Sperry, Iowa. He also does custom planting with the innovative new rig which he designed and then had built by two friends in the machinery business.

In recent years Beckman has been gradually con-

verting to reduced tillage but he wasn’t happy with the performance of his IH 400 Cyclo planter on no-till ground. So he bought a new Deere 750 drill. “It does a great job in nearly all conditions. There’s a tremendous amount of down pressure on each row unit. I was really pleased with the job it did in beans and small grains and wanted the same performance in corn. The problem is, the drill can’t handle corn.”

That’s when Beckman got the idea of building a hybrid planter. The matchup worked perfectly.

“I can switch from beans to corn in 15 minutes, and

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