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POUNDS CROP DURING GROWING SEASON TO DELIBERATELY INFLICT SEVERE DAMAGE

New Soybean "Zapper" Boosts Yields

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Researchers are spending millions of dollars every year to develop a higher-yielding soybean but an Illinois inventor maintains that "we've already got the bean. All we need to do is zap it."

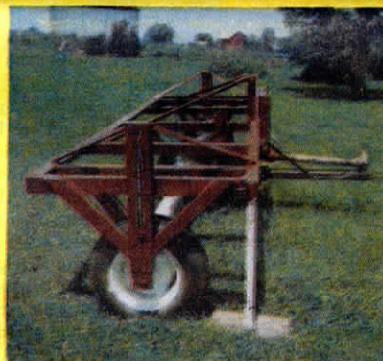
The inventor, Victor Zoellick of Rockford, has come up with a revolutionary new machine to do just that. Dubbed "The Zapper", it's equipped with rubber hammers which inflict heavy damage to the growing soybean crop to produce higher yields.

"Hailstorms 'zap' crops all the time and soy-

beans often come back stronger than ever. Now we can produce the same results with a machine," explains Zoellick, who says several years of greenhouse experiments totally convinced him that deliberately inflicting severe damage to soybeans at the right time during the growing season produces higher yields.

The Zapper is designed to beat up soybean plants, stripping leaves from all around the canopy

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Pulled easily by a utility tractor, the Zapper destroys 30% of the crop with spinning rubber straps. The plants come back stronger than ever in two weeks or less.

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