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## He Cultivates Corn With His Front-End Loader

Dan Scheele got tired of accidentally wiping out corn with his 3-pt. mounted row crop cultivator.

"I couldn't see what I was doing without turning around all the time, and that gave me a stiff neck," says the Ingersoll, Ontario farmer.

To improve the view, he mounted the 6-row, 30-in. cultivator on his Deere 60 hp tractor's front-end loader. A pair of forks quick-tach to the loader in place of the bucket. The forks simply slip into a pair of box tubes that Scheele welded onto the cultivator's toolbar. To compensate for the extra weight up front, he added weight to the back of the tractor.

"It's a simple idea but it really works great. I like being able to see what I'm doing," says Scheele, who has used his loader-mounted cultivator for 4 years with no problems. "I got inspired for the idea one day after I ac-



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identally wiped out 6 rows of corn. I'm an organic farmer and cultivate corn at least twice a year, so doing a good job of cultivating is very important.

To add forks to the loader he made a frame out of 2 by 4-in. tubing. A 1 1/4-in. dia. horizontal shaft supports the forks. He removed

the cultivator's 3-pt. hitch, then welded a pair of 5-in. wide by 2-in. high box beams on top of the toolbar to match the forks.

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