



Farmers from several states have stopped by to see the new N6 operating in the field, says Al Davis, sales manager for Cramer Machinery Inc., Greenview, Ill.

New Gleaner "Rotary"

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driver and tractor stood by to "unstuck" it with a log chain. "I'm driving through mudholes I'd never dare tackle with my conventional Gleaner, or any other make of combine," says Charles, who was impressed with the huge combine's maneuverability and flotation in mud.

Official introduction of the revolutionary combine reportedly is slated for early next year. Until then, details on how the machine's threshing mechanism works, and how it differs from New Holland's TR-70 or International's Axial Flow, are being kept under wraps.

"All we can say now is that it's an entirely new and different concept. Instead of running parallel to the di-

rection of travel, for example, the threshing screw runs crossways," a spokesman pointed out.

"I went to see one working in a corn field near Adele and was so impressed I went and bought one myself," J. G. Brandon, Jr., of Cartersville, Ga., told FARM SHOW. "If there's any one word that best describes the new N6, it's capacity. We've been in soybeans and grain sorghum with it and have been real pleased with its performance. There's virtually no cracking whatsoever in soybeans."

Farmer-owners FARM SHOW visited reported that list price of the prototype N6 Gleaner combines they bought this fall was right at \$82,000, including an 8-row (30-in.) corn header and 20 ft. platform for soybeans, small grain, grain sorghum and other crops. Owners reported that capacity is rated at "30 to 35% more than the Gleaner L", that their machines were equipped with a 220 hp diesel engine, a 245 bu. grain tank, and 30.5 by 32 in. front tires. Straw and stalk residue is chopped up unusually fine and discharged through a comparatively small rectangular opening (about 1 ft. by 2 ft.) in the rear.

"The dealer said they would take care of us and they have," Paul Eastwood, of Chester, Iowa, told FARM SHOW. He and his brother Erick are well pleased with overall performance of their new N6. "We've had a few minor problems but they've been right out to iron them out," says Paul. The machine he and his brother bought from Marzolf Implement Co., Spring Valley, Minn., is equipped with an 8-row corn head and 24 ft. bean-grain platform.

"Sizewise, I'd rate it about the same as the Deere 7700," says John Evers, of Greenview, Ill., who leased a new N6 this fall from Cramer Machinery Inc., at Greenview. John ran the new N6 alongside his 7700 which has gone through about 3,000 acres during each of the last 4 years. "I've been real happy with the 7700 and am probably prejudiced but I'd have to say it stayed right with the new Gleaner. We didn't have a real heavy crop — probably about 110 bu. average overall. Even so, the 220 hp



Charles Paulson, Stewartville, Minn., says that, despite its huge size, the new N6 will go through mudholes he'd never dare tackle with a conventional combine.

TELLS YOU WHEN LOGS ARE DRY ENOUGH TO BURN

New Wood Fuel Moisture Tester

New for "anyone who buys or sells wood for fuel" is the Triton 4, a portable moisture tester that tells you when logs are dry and "ripe" for burning in your stove, furnace, or fireplace.

"For those who buy their firewood, a few quick tests will tell whether green or well-seasoned wood is being purchased. For those who sell firewood, the gauge will help in segregating dry, damp and wet stock," says J. R. Dennis, manager of Valley Products, Milford, Pa., manufacturer of the wood fuel moisture gauge.

In winter, the best time to cut firewood, the Triton 4 can be used to distinguish live trees from dead trees after all the leaves have fallen off.

The manufacturer notes that "air dried firewood, depending on the species, can produce from 15 to 50% more total heat than a similar quantity of green wood. Dry wood produces much less creosote buildup in the chimneys and thereby reduces the possibility of dangerous chimney fires. With the Triton, there is no question in deciding which logs should be burned and which should be left for further seasoning."

Cost of the instrument alone is



\$39.95 (it can be used with common nails driven into the wood to serve as contacts for the probes). The instrument, complete with probes and hardened steel nails and a self-contained sliding hammer, is \$64.95. Carrying cases are \$7, for the instrument only, and \$10 for the instrument and probe. Dealer inquiries welcome.

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Gleaner, with an 8-row header, seemed a bit underpowered. I'd have to slow down to unload. It does thresh an excellent sample of corn and soybeans. Very little cracking or damage," explains John.

Now that he's used one, would he buy one?

"I don't feel I can justify owning two machines as big as the Deere 7700 and this new N6 — which is why I leased rather than bought the N6," answered John.

He notes that there has been a steady stream of visitors to his farm most every day since he took to the field with his new N6. The new machine, which was advertised in

Prairie Farmer magazine's Farm Progress Show edition, has attracted visitors from several states, according to Evers.

Were there any "resale" strings attached for the farmers who bought the first prototype N6 combines offered for sale?

"None whatsoever," said one owner. "I could sell this machine tomorrow to whomever I please, and for whatever price we might agree on. I haven't had any offers but it wouldn't surprise me if competitors buy up a few of these first machines so they can tear them apart and see how they're made."

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