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Slick Way to Switch To Narrow Rows



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"There's no need to buy an expensive second planter or drill exclusively for soybeans," says Ron McCleery, John Deere dealer and manufacturer of "The Splitter," a new trailing toolbar that lets you mount a second row of planter units behind the first row, spacing the units between the wider front rows for narrower, higher yielding soybean rows.

McCleery, who also farms, says the demand is great for special soybean rigs but that many farmers can't justify the cost of a second planter for narrow rows. "In about 30 minutes, they can mount this toolbar behind their planter and do as good a job," he told FARM SHOW.

This new add-on "Splitter" rides independent of the forward planter on its own carrying wheels. A double tongue hitch, attached with special brackets to the up-front planter, forces the trailing planter to follow it rigidly. The tongues are welded to the trailing toolbar but float freely over rough terrain in their pintle-type front hitch.

The back planter is driven by a drive chain extended from a sprocket on the driveshaft of the planter in front. The sprocket is inserted in



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