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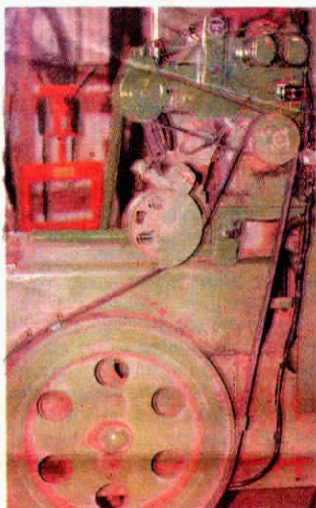
## Paired-Up Balers Bale Two Windrows At Once

A custom operator has built a 2-bale baler that'll bale two 12-ft. windrows with little or no extra effort by the operator thanks to a complete set of remote operator controls.

Zillah, Wash., farmer Bob Stewart custom-baled about 21,000 bales last year using the two ganged-up Deere 346 balers. "It does twice as much work and you eliminate the need for a second tractor and operator. You can easily watch both balers at once because they're in line from the tractor seat. In fact bale consistency improves because you can compare the speed at which bales get ejected to determine if one or the other baler is baling too light or too heavy," explains Stewart.

The remote baler is powered by a VH4D Wisconsin 28-hp. engine that mounts on top of the baler frame. The engine belt-drives the baler flywheel (Stewart beefed up the flywheels on both Deere balers by "wrapping" each with a 100-lb. steel bar to increase power of the machines) and is activated by a hydraulic controlled idler clutch. All controls — throttle, choke, ignition, and idler clutch — can be controlled from the seat of the powering 95 hp. Deere 4020.

Key to success of the two-baler baler is the hydraulic tongue that gangs them together and allows them to "turn on a dime" at headlands. To swing into transport, one baler behind the other, you just pull two pins and move the tongue hydraulically. The rear baler can be unhooked from the front baler in less than a minute when needed to make a last round or to work in tight quarters.



Motor on second baler direct-drives baler flywheel which has been "beefed up" with 100 lbs. of added weight.

Stewart says the rear baler with its direct-driven flywheel has nearly twice the power and output of the front baler due to its direct-drive flywheel. He plans to convert his front baler to direct drive by mounting an old IH 55 baler gear box on the tongue of the baler and running the pto shaft through that to direct-drive the front baler's flywheel. "It'll boost baler power and efficiency 100%," notes Stewart.

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Trailing trailer hydraulically pulls into line behind front baler for road travel.



Second planter pivots into position behind front planter for road travel, or for narrow-row planting.

### SIDE BY SIDE OR ONE BEHIND THE OTHER

## Hitch Gangs Two Row Crop Planters Together

A new "Easy Swing" planter hitch developed by Harry Weeks, Plain City, Ohio, gangs two planters together either side by side to "double" normal planting width — or one behind the other for planting in narrow 15-in. rows, or for transport.

"It lets you make an 8 or 12-row planter out of two 4 or 6 row planters," says Weeks. "You can use your existing planter and buy a second planter instead of buying a new, more expensive 8 or 12-row machine. Even buying two new 6-row planters and my hitch is a lot cheaper than buying a new 12-row planter."

When the second planter is locked behind the first planter, the Easy Hitch tongue is in a centered position alongside the front planter's original tongue. When planting 8 or 12 rows wide, the second planter is offset behind and to the side of the front planter, and the hitch tongue is centered between the two machines.

The front planter must be a Deere 7000 for the Easy Swing hitch to work but the second planter can be of any make. Weeks points out that the hitch allows the two separate planters to

"flex" on rolling ground. It attaches to the front planter's tongue and frame. You drill just five holes in the planter. Hitch includes new folding row markers.

A pivot wheel extension bolts to the tongue of the second planter so it'll swing from one position to the other. To move the planter to transport position, you pull ahead and turn the tractor to the right. To move from transport to the wide-plant position, you unlock the hitch and then pull ahead while turning to the left.

"The planter folds and unfolds in less than a minute," says Weeks. "In only three minutes, either planter can be detached for solo use."

Weeks notes that two ganged 6-row planters require about a 90 hp. tractor.

The hitch weighs about 1,100 lbs. and takes about 3 hrs. to install. Sells for \$3,980.

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