

## Miscellaneous equipment maintenance and preparation

Hay season still going strong and harvest not far away. Maybe we can shut down irrigation. Good time to check baler belts for wear and tear. Are splices still good and do laces need replacing? Are rollers clean, with no buildup on them? Check pickup for missing and broken tines. Check cam track bearings. Loosen forming belts and check roller bearings as well as possible. Check drive chains and sprockets for proper adjustments.

As for swathers, check for sharp cuttings knives/sickles and cutting edge on guards. This will make the rest of the swather run better. A little maintenance goes a long way. In preparation of using your combine, check for machine damage and also check if monitors may have been affected by the weather or time.

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