

Harvest equipment preparation

Fair time coming around makes us start thinking about harvest coming on. Just a few ideas for you to think about in preparing for harvest when you have some spare time.

Grain carts

Check the gear boxes for lube and hook up that grain cart to run the augers and listen for any possible bearing noise and smoothness of shafts and gear boxes. Check hydraulic hoses for cracks caused by weathering. You might even jack up and roll the wheels over and check wheel grease.

Corn headers

Check condition of knives and gathering chains. Check level of gear box lubes and look for any possible seal leaks. Making sure you lock the header up on combine cylinders, do a visual check on row unit clutches for any missing bolts and wear holes in auger troughs.

Combines

First start combine, engage separator, get out and walk around combine doing a visual check and listen closely for any unusual noise. Many trouble areas can be found in this way. After shutting off combine, look at belts and drive chains for cracks and adjustments. Grease and service oils and filters if needed.

These are just a few things to help you get off to a good start.

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