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“Spider” Wheels Available for 2010

Closing the seed trench in heavy, wet soil and damp no-till has been an ongoing problem for all planter manufacturers for years. Spike or spader wheels help in no-till, but are too aggressive if run in “worked” ground. Some operators run one spader and one rubber tire which reduces the effectiveness in both conditions. The goal is to plant seed at a consistent depth with good seed-to-soil contact in a closed seed trench that won’t open back up and dry out. Most times in “worked” seedbed this is relatively easy to accomplish, but in wet, heavy clay soils and damp no-till, closing the trench and keeping it closed can be a challenge.



Left & Right Hand “Spider” Wheels



While most spike or spader wheels work in some situations and not in others, the new spider wheels have performed well in both no-till and well prepared seedbeds. 300 rows ran in various locations this spring and the feedback was excellent. Operators were impressed that it did, in fact, close the trench and remove the “seam” that normally existed in no-till, yet did a great job in prepared seedbed conditions without being too aggressive.



Spider wheels are available on 2010 production planters and can be ordered through parts as well.

Left Hand Spider Wheel: Part #: 405-023S;

Right Hand Spider Wheel: Part #: 405-024S;

Drag Chain: Part #: 405-027K;