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has a 5-foot-wide cutting blade that can cut 2 to 6 inches deep at speeds of 1 to 4 mph. Power takeoff driven, it spreads soil evenly 150 feet on either side. It weighs 9,000 pounds, and is 24 feet long, 8 feet wide and 6 feet tall. A minimum of 220 hp is needed, with 300 hp optimum.

Suggested retail is \$36,000. Call Dynamic Ditchers Inc., Oakbank, Manitoba, at 204-444-4507 or visit www.dynamicditchers.com.

Pam's picks

Rock ready: The Blu-Jet No-Skip Strip-Till Row Unit is an optional add-on. List prices for sealers and residue managers are \$300 and \$250 per row, respectively. The remarkable tool rolls over rocks without creating mounds of residue or poorly sealed spots in the row. This equipment does what strip-till managers need: gets a field off to a good start.

How does this unit figure into fuel costs? Ask a strip-till manager how many times he or she runs over the field as compared to a conventional-tillage manager. This unit helps keep strip till viable in rocky fields.

Call Blu-Jet, Smithfield, R.I., at 800-658-3127 or visit www.blu-jet.com.

Fuel on the spot: One way to save money and time is to carry refills to the field at starting time. The Bluff Ridge FT-500 Liquid Tender hauls fuel, water or any other liquid. Keep equipment circling the fields rather than running back and forth for fuel.

Standard features make this one tough barrel: heavy 10-gauge steel with internal baffle, tank end gauge, plus a



PRECISION PLANTING 20/20 AIRFORCE

5,000-pound tandem trailer. Call Bluff Ridge, Hamburg, Iowa, at 877-468-2022 or visit www.bluffridgeinc.com.

Flint's favorites

Set it, forget it: With Precision Planting's new 20/20 AirForce system, set the downforce and forget it. AirForce controls downforce automatically based on a variety of conditions.

Here's how it helps. As planter boxes empty, the unit increases downforce to ensure uniform planting depth. AirForce will automatically adjust for softer soil types.

Available for Deere and Kinze planters, it includes air reservoir, compressor, air bags and mounting brackets. It's controlled using Precision Planting's 20/20 SeedSense monitor system.

Call Precision Planting, Tremont, Ill., at 309-925-5050 or visit www.precisionplanting.com.



JOHN DEERE AUTO-TRAC ROW SENSE

Twin-row with trimmings: The newest addition to the Kinze lineup is the 3600 series twin-row planter, in standard and air-delivery models. Both are available in 30- and 15-inch rows.

Options include Kinze's liquid fertilizer system, Interplant row units, the EdgeVac seed metering system, hydraulic down pressure on the wings, a reinforced double tool bar, pneumatic down pressure, Kinze's Vision system for auto-swath control, variable-rate seed control and GPS mapping.

Call Kinze, Williamsburg, Iowa, at 319-668-1300 or visit www.kinze.com.

Tom's tools

Ultimate row guide: Stay in the middle of corn rows where heads work best with Deere's Auto-Trac Row Sense. One set of mechanical feelers per head increases accuracy of the AutoTrac feature, says Laura Robson, Deere Ag Management



C&C ADVENTURES LIMBHOG

Solutions. It works on 50-, 60-, 70- and 90-series combines, with 600-series corn heads. Cost of the required software depends upon whether you have SF I or SF II GPS. Hardware and software for an SF II system lists at \$2,995.

See your Deere dealer or www.johndeere.com.

No more ladders: A friend's close call made this choice a no-brainer. With his wife holding the ladder, he lost control when the saw kicked back, fell on his wife and broke her leg. He needs a Limbhog, developed by an Oklahoma rancher. The two-piece frame mounts on a loader bucket, then extends several feet up and out for safety. Hydraulically driven, it runs at 5,000 rpm. Limbhog features a 20-inch Oregon blade.

List price is \$2,495. Call C&C Adventures, Pauls Valley, Okla., at 866-954-6246 or visit www.limbhog.com.



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