

Equipment

Talk



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Equipment maintenance is as much a part of farming as planting and harvesting crops. As the stresses of planting subsides, I urge farmers to find enough time to look closely at their

equipment to fix minor problems before they become huge catastrophes.

One of the most important issues is properly servicing your equipment. Take the time to change the fluid and filters in your tractors and service your planters and drills, completely cleaning out the hopper boxes, and

making sure seed tubes are free of seeds. Seeds trapped in hoppers or seed tubes can mold and clog up tubes and nozzles. Try blowing the unit out with a air compressor before washing. Clean all disc openers and coulters. Grease or remove planter chains to keep form rusting. Bearings should be checked before, during, and at the end of planting season to stay in good working order. Repair or replace any questionable parts. Store in a shed if possible or cover with a tarp and next planting season you'll be ready to go.

With spring planting season comming to a end, now is the time to get your equipment ready for the next growing season. Δ

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