

# Twin-Row Is Good Fit For Miss. Farmer

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**A** 38-inch twin-row production system seems to be a fit for Martin Walker of Leland, Miss. Walker began raising corn and soybeans in a twin-row system after switching out of cotton production 10 years ago.

"I was looking for a way to go to a narrow row spacing," Walker said.

He was inspired to look at twin-row by articles in magazines. Then a local dealer had a twin-row planter to sell.

"I chose to go with a twin-row planter because I heard that a 30-inch row on sandy land made it difficult to keep a good row to furrow irrigate," he said. "I also felt it was less expensive to buy a planter than to change all of my equipment."

In the beginning it was a challenge since no one else had tried the system in this area. At first Walker wasn't sure of the system, so he planted one twin-row and a single row beside it.

"I had to buy a roller and roll the land to get it planted correctly," he added. However, after two to three years of experimenting, he found the system worked for him.

A fourth-generation farmer on the same land his ancestors worked, he has hopes that the next generation will get an education and follow in the family

footsteps. Walker and his wife, Johanna, have three children, a daughter, Emelie, and two sons, John Martin and George.

Walker holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi in business administration. Δ

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