

# 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

**Martin Walker of Leland, Miss. explains how he began raising corn and soybeans in a twin-row system.**

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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. △

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