

Store Planter Now For Next Season

With planting complete for another year, now is an ideal time to prepare your planter for storage, says Thomas H. Williams, extension agricultural engineer at the University of Delaware. And proper storage means protecting metal from rust and corrosion and preventing deterioration of rubber parts.

Clean the planter thoroughly, he advises. Seed, fertilizer and pesticide hoppers should be free of dirt, rust, chaff and other foreign matter. Be particularly sure to clean under the cutoff and knocker housing in seed hoppers.

Knocker and cutoff pawls should work freely; springs should be strong. Pawls should contact seed plates firmly. If they are worn, replace them.

Make sure that hopper bottom plates are not warped or grooved and that there is no chemical accumulation, says Williams. There should be no excessive play between the seed plate and the hopper bottom.

Clean and check the drive train for proper operation, he adds. And see that seed and fertilizer tubes and furrow openers are free of obstructions.

Lubricate all bearings which normally require lubrication; remove roller chains, clean and store in oil. Coat unprotected metal parts with a rust preventative.

To guard against deterioration of rubber, block the machine so that weight is off the tires. Inflate pneumatic tires to normal operating pressure. And remember that grease, oil, sunlight and ozone from electric motors are harmful to rubber.

Proper machinery storage pays off in the long run, says Williams. By storing your planter early, you'll have plenty of time to order replacement parts and your planter will be in top shape come next spring.

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tween imitation milk and real milk is in the nutritional value. Some imitation milks contain little or no calcium and are low in protein food values. Imitation milks have been running a few cents a quart less than regular milk, but the consumer doesn't know the nutritional deficiencies.

This regulation would be beneficial to both the farmer and the consumer, said Mr. Christianson.

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