August 2007 Field Crops 28.47-50

Equipment for Harvesting Lodged "Down" Corn

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Lodging - "Down corn"

- 1. Safety first
- 2. Reduce ground speed. Slow down and adjust gathering chain and snapping roll speed to match combine speed
- 3. Go against the grain. Combine corn the opposite direction from which it leans.
- 4. Catch the corn. Adjust gathering chains and snapping plate as close as possible to the stalks.
- 5. Reach down low. Run the head as close to the ground as possible. Be wary of rocks and uneven terrain.
- 6. Be ready. Scout fields to anticipate harvest problems.

Specialized Equipment



The Kelderman Reel

Kelderman Manufacturing, Inc. 2686 Highway 92 East Oskaloosa, IA 52577 (800) 334-6150 www.keldermanmfg.com

Heritage Machine & Welding

1001 W. Locust Bloomington, IL 61701 (800) 274-0440 www.hmwinet.com

Corn Saver

5200 N. Columbia St. Plainview, TX 79072 (800) 536-1022 www.cornsaver.com

St. John Welding and Manufacturing, Inc.

P.O. Box 175 St. John, KS 67576 (800) 549-3289 www.stjohnwelding.com



The Roll-A-Cone

Roll-A-Cone Manufacturing 7655 Roll-A-Cone Road Tulia, TX 79088 (806) 668-4722 www.roll-a-cone.com

Corn Reel by Minden Machine Shop Inc.

1302 K Road Minden, NE 68959 (800) 264-6587 www.mindenmachine.com

The Meteer Corn Reel

Meteer Manufacturing RR1 Box 221 Athens, IL 62613 (217) 636-8109 www.meteer.com