

## Planter storage preparation

Is your planter properly stored? Now is the time to make sure that you have properly put your planter away until next season. Your planter is the piece of equipment that you depend on for the rest of your farming success throughout the year. Here are the necessary steps for storage:

1. Fold markers and set storage locks as specified in the Operator's Manual. Park the planter on appropriate storage stands.
2. Make sure tires are properly inflated.
3. Disconnect hydraulic and electrical lines. Cover connectors to prevent dirt contamination during storage.
4. Remove and clean seed meters. Inspect parts for wear. Reassemble meter covers to meter housings.
5. Store seed disks on a flat surface to prevent damage. Disks may also be stored by hanging them through the center hole. Identify seed disks to assure they are returned to the same meter housings when placed back into service.
6. Completely empty and clean bulk hoppers and seed boxes.
7. Coat exposed hydraulic cylinder rods with grease to prevent rust.
8. Clean ground-engaging parts, and coat with grease or Case IH TILCOAT to prevent rust during storage (purchase TILCOAT from Case IH dealer in aerosol, part number 1132221N, or in larger bulk containers).
9. Remove drive chains and store in a container of clean oil or diesel fuel.
10. Following proper procedures for handling farm chemicals, clean granular chemical hoppers. Reinstall hoppers to their original row units.
11. Clean and lubricate the planter. Use touch-up paint as necessary.
12. Check ground-engaging components for wear, and replace as needed.
13. Inspect electrical harnesses and hydraulic hoses. Make necessary repairs to worn or damaged areas.
14. Clean and inspect the vacuum system.
15. Check and re-tighten hardware.
16. Release pressure from AccuRow or Pneumatic Down Pressure air systems if applicable. Open drains and allow accumulated water to escape. Make sure the air compressor is protected from the elements during the storage period.
17. Lubricate AccuRow clutches. Remove the air line and apply one drop of SAE 10W oil or air tool oil into each cylinder and cycle clutch several times before storing.

Also, while it is fresh in our minds, it would be a good time to contact Hope Lewis with any questions about your field maps and recording your information.

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