

Conservation farming helping to achieve results for farmers

Conservation Farming aims at achieving a balance between agricultural resources and agricultural production. It is a viable farming system which conserves soil, water and energy, yet allows farmers to handle effectively the increasing economic pressures facing them. Conservation farming involves practices such as; conservation tillage, retention of crop stubble, crop and pasture rotation, strip cropping and other soil and water conservation measures. Many farmers realize the benefits of these practices and are doing what they can to implement these practices into their daily lives.

The K-Line Trashcutter system is aimed at helping our farmers to better control their stubble using conservation farming practices. Conservation farming conserves soil, improves soil structure, and maintains yields. It offers opportunities for substantial cost savings and will ensure a stable and competitive agricultural sector in the long term.

Reduced tillage, no-tillage, and direct drilling are all part of conservation tillage practice. Cultivation

is kept to a minimum; stubble retention to a maximum.

Conservation tillage generally increases yields of summer crops, particularly sorghum in, rotation with wheat in the north of the State. Winter crop yields are generally maintained under conservation tillage and, in some circumstances, costs can be lower, giving you an increased net return.

Retaining the previous crop's stubble, instead of burning it, is particularly important in the northern cropping areas of New South Wales. These areas commonly experience intense rain storms in summer, generally at a time when the soil has been exposed by post-harvest burning or cultivation. Stubble helps protect this soil from water erosion.



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Superseeder prototype really supercedes!

The K-Line Superseeder™ has recently been added to K-Line's range of products. The K-Line team when researching and choosing a name for the precision seeder, realized with a laugh that 'superceder' had a double meaning; that is 'to supercede' is to replace a person or thing.

A precision seeding system was developed after extensive research with farmers in the field. The Superseeder™ has a twin tine system, with high breakout primary tine for deep banding; enabling better root penetration. The primary tine accurately follows the ground and the system combines the coulter & depth gauge wheels with the high breakout primary tine to create an excellent result, enabling more consistent crops and higher yields.

The Superseeder™ was trialed as a prototype early 2012, and then a large 12m Superseeder™

was released to a client in Central Western NSW in March 2012. Approximately 8,000 acres of Wheat, Canola, Brassica and Lucerne were sown over the following three months.

Both the client and the K-Line team were extremely pleased with the precise results from the Superseeder™ and the machine has been trialed for differing farmers throughout central western NSW.

The K-Line Research, Design and Sales team are now further researching and developing the Superseeder™ and are hoping to release more machines in a range of sizes in 2014.





The Superseeder prototype getting final touches in K-Line yard

Welcome to the Autumn 2013 K-Line Bulletin. Wow, hasn't this year flown by? Here we are 3-4 months into the year... only 9 more months to reach those annual goals!

As you would know, we have a strong focus on research and design here at K-Line and we have been concentrating on developing & refining our products and services, with the aim to make our business with you more streamlined and efficient.

We now have a feedback link on our website and our email signatures and we would love to hear from you!

Since January 2011, we have had an increase in staff, with the addition of 23 new employees, both in the factory and the office. We have also had an increase in sales and therefore, production, so you can imagine how hectic it's been! But as the saying goes; 'Being busy is better than being bored' and we have enjoyed every minute of the journey.

A quick update on our products:

Early last year we released a prototype of our Precision Superseeder™ and this project is still being worked on.

We are hoping to release more machines in a range of sizes in 2014.

The Speedtiller® has been a huge success and our bestseller over the past 3 years. The only Australian built machine of its kind, we have sold these units Australia-wide and are now selling these units into the USA. So far, we have had great response and we can see a movement forward for the Speedtiller® into the USA in Australia's upcoming winter months.

Sshhh! It's a secret, but K-Line is working on a new, global, user-friendly and interactive website. As most would know, websites are an ever-developing project and we all like to see something fresh & new be released onto the world-wide-web. So stay updated & watch this space!

Also, we are always updating the 'News' page on our current website, so log on monthly to view any special promotions or recent ads & articles (Click this link: <http://k-line.net.au/news.html>)

Thanks for your interest and keep your eyes peeled for the next edition of the K-Line Bulletin!
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Quotable Quote:

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm", Winston Churchill

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