



Here is a list of used products Linco Precision or other growers in the area have available

- • Used Ez Guide Plus Lightbar with power cable, gps cable, antenna, and suction cup mount- Best Offer
- • Used PF Advantage Monitor and power cable- Best Offer
- • Used Ez Guide 500 on Waas, and Ez Steer Steering System- \$2,500
- • Used Ez Guide 500 on Waas (display only)- \$900
- • Used Ez Steer Steering System- \$1,400
- • Used Ez Steer Bracket for a 6xxx or 7xxx JD Tractor or a RoGator 854- Best Offer
- • Nav2 AutoPilot Controller for a generic aftermarket AutoPilot- \$3,750
- • Nav2 Autopilot controller for a Case or New Holland AccuGuide Ready AutoPilot- \$3,75
- • New OmniStar Unlocked Ez Guide 500 display with used power cables and antenna- \$2,200
- • Many AG 252 WAAS to RTK unlocked receivers- \$600
- • Many AG 252 RTK 900MHZ Joey RTK Radios- \$500
- • 2 Trimble WM Topo Solution Kits- \$12,000
- • Trimble SiteNet 900MHZ RTK Radio Repeaters- \$900
- • FMX with OmniStar, RTK, Glonass, and Variable Rate unlocks. Display only.- \$5,800
- • Used Precision Planting Gen 1 Cab Control Module for Rowflow- \$150
- • 16 Used Ag Leader SureStop Electric Clutches- Best Offer

## **Crop Records and Mapping Winter Classes**

Over the last 7 years or so, a group of growers around Central Il has had a crop records and mapping class usually on Thursdays from 9am-4pm in January and February (about 7 or 8 sessions). It has usually been held at Lincoln Land Community College Capital City Training Center in Springfield.

The class focuses on learning how to record cropping activities, prepare maps for those activities and analyze profitability and crop enterprises using for the most part Ag Leaders SMS mapping software. The class also covers the creation of fertility prescriptions, the use of smartphone apps for managing crop records, GPS, and other in-depth Precision Farming topics.

The class costs \$300 per farm business (up to 3 participants) and is payable at the time of registration. Purchase of software will be required for continued use of your data beyond the class term. Many participants already have software on a laptop, and just bring a laptop to class and use their own data on their own computer.

The class is looking to get a rough count of people interested in the class. If you are interested, let me know so I can let the class organizers know, and I can get more exact details when they become available.

## **Trimble Update at 6 Steering Program**

Trimbles Update at 6 Steering program is still going on through Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The program is for Ag vehicles that are 6-10 years old. The program highlights \$500 off of an Ez Pilot system, and \$1,000 off of an Autopilot system for qualifying vehicles. Contact me for a list of vehicles available for this program.

More details can be found at <http://aginfo.trimble.com/Upgrade-At-6.html>

## **Trimble FMX to TMX Program Extension**

Trimble has extended their FMX to TMX upgrade program to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The program will allow you to trade in your FMX, and purchase a TMX at 25% discount on hardware, and 75% discount on unlocks equal to what you had in your FMX. I have been told by Trimble that this is the “sweetest” TMX trade up program that Trimble is going to have. Contact me for more details.

## **Trimble Free 10 Day Demo Unlocks**

Trimble is now offering free 10 day demo unlocks for the TMX 2050, FMX, CFX 750, and Ag 372 Receiver. The free 10 day unlock can be applied once per year, and will unlock every possible unlock in the display or receiver. Some of the unlocks include accuracy upgrades, Variable Rate, NextSwath Turn Technology, Connected Farm Functionality, and ISOBUS or VT functions. Let me know if you want more details, or to get a free 10 day unlock.

## **DJI Phantom 3 Professional Drone Sale**

While supplies last, DJI Phantom 3 Professional Drone kits will be on sale for \$1,995. The kit includes the drone, a controller, a 4K video, 30 frames/ second & 12 megapixel camera, 2 sets of propellers, 4 batteries, and a 4 port charger, cables to hook up to Android, and a Nantuk Tuff Case. With the DJI GO App, you can easily hook up to use your smart phone, or tablet. Contact me for a free flight demo.

## **Update on Precision Planting Acquisition**

This copied from an email I received from Precision Planting and the Climate Corporation.

“The Department of Justice (DOJ) released a statement that they are filing to block the purchase of Precision Planting by John Deere. John Deere and The Climate Corporation responded with a press release that they plan to contest the legal action.

It is clear that Precision Planting and our dealerships are delivering exceptional value to our farmer customers. Take note of John Deere's commitment to vigorously fight this ruling and their commitment to the future of innovation from the Precision Planting business...."Deere will preserve Precision Planting's independence in order to ensure innovation and speed-to-market and will invest in additional innovation efforts at Precision Planting to benefit customers."

We will continue to communicate with you as new information is learned.”

## **2016-2017 Planter Meters**

I know we have not even completed harvest yet, but it is never too late to think about getting your planter meters ran at our El Paso, or Nokomis MeterMax stand locations.

If you bring in your meters before the end of the year (Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016) the price is \$35 a meter. Starting in 2017, it moves to \$40 a meter. A common question I get is “how often should I get my meters ran?” The answer is every year!!!

Our Nokomis meter room does between 1,000 and 1,400 meters each season. We have seen anywhere from a 1% to a 62% improvement in meter performance. We almost never see an instance where the procedure doesn't improve performance on vacuum meters at least 2% and almost always improve performance on finger meters 3-4% with some finger meters a much higher improvement percentage. We do have a guarantee that if we can't improve the performance, the service is free on that meter.

Have a great, and most importantly safe harvest!!!!

Thanks,

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