

Post Season Planter Maintenance

Just a few things I wanted to mention as planters start going in the sheds after a hopefully successful spring season.

Meters-

Vac meters- take discs out stack vertical in box or on post, blow out meter with compressed air, make sure not to lose any components internally that may easily fall out ect...

Finger meters- make sure corn is cleaned out and definitely not under a finger, and align belt so it is not stored on the brush.

Closing Wheels-

Take tension off closing wheel springs when storing them

FurrowJet-

To protect the manifolds, it is recommended to remove them from the planter, rinse them with warm soapy water, and store them in a climate controlled location.

SpeedTube-

Remove flight belts and store them in a box with no tension on them, or they can be hung on a hook as long as there is not tension on them. Also release tension off the bottom idler. Take note of any wear parts as well (rumble strips, feeder wheels, belts with missing flights, pulleys) as summer programs with the discounts are the best time to get replacement parts that may be needed.

vApply HD-

Properly winterizing vApplyHD systems (or planter liquid systems in general) will protect the systems from freezing temperatures and reduce issues when getting ready for the field next spring. Flush the system thoroughly by running a full tank of water through the vApplyHD system. This will give the pump, plumbing, and vApplyHD modules a thorough, end of season cleaning. To protect the system from freezing

temperatures and maintain a clean system until next season, RV antifreeze should be used along with the winterization process described in the document attached below. Because of vApplyHD's wide range of rate capabilities, you must follow the instructions in the winterization document precisely.

Monitors-

Monitors are meant to be built to withstand heat and cold, and many people leave them in machines in non-climate controlled areas throughout the entire year with no issues, but I look at it this way, would you want your phone or iPad/tablet sitting out in the extreme heat or cold throughout the year. It is easy enough to unplug and store the generally most expensive component in a system in a moisture free climate controlled area, so why not.

Any questions at all, let me know.

Thanks
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