



Keeton Seed Firmer Voted By No-Tillers As 2009 Product Of The Year

BROOKFIELD, Wis. — January 15, 2010 — *No-Till Farmer* readers (www.no-tillfarmer.com) have weighed in on the products that performed the best in their no-till operations, citing the Keeton Seed Firmer as the “2009 No-Till Product Of The Year.”

The Keeton Seed Firmer was voted the top no-till product in the Planter/Drill Attachments category and was among 11 finalists entered in the overall Product of the Year voting. Precision Planting, the manufacturers of the Keeton Seed Firmer, also captured a second award when its 20/20 SeedSense planter monitor system captured the most votes in the Precision Tools category.

Each of the manufacturers who won product categories were recognized before approximately 700 no-tillers at an awards ceremony during the 18th annual National No-Tillage Conference (www.notillconference.com) in Des Moines, Iowa, on Friday.

Following is a complete listing of award winners by category:

- **No-Till Product of the Year:** Keeton Seed Firmer, Precision Planting.
- **Fertility:** Agrotain, Agrotain International. **Honorable Mention:** Avail and NutriSphere-N, SFP.
- **Fungicides:** Headline, BASF. **Honorable Mention:** Quilt, Syngenta; Stratego, Bayer CropScience.
- **Insect Protection:** YieldGard VT Triple, Monsanto. **Honorable Mention:** Herculex, Dow AgroSciences and Pioneer; Warrior, Syngenta.
- **No-Till Equipment:** 3600 Twin-Line Planters, Kinze Mfg. **Honorable Mention:** Early Riser planters, Case IH; YP2425 Yield Pro planter, Great Plains Mfg.

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- **Planter/Drill Attachments:** Keeton Seed Firmer, Precision Planting.
Honorable Mention: Martin-Till WA1360 floating row cleaner, Martin Industries; 20/20 Airforce System, Precision Planting.
- **Precision Tools:** 20/20 SeedSense, Precision Planting. **Honorable Mention:** EZ-Guide 250 Lightbar System, Trimble Navigation; SmartBoom automatic boom system control, Raven Industries.
- **Residue Management:** *Bt* Crusher, Calmer Corn Heads. **Honorable Mention:** The Chaff Spreader, Spreader Inc.; 600C corn head, Deere.
- **Seed Treatment:** Poncho, Bayer CropScience. **Honorable Mention:** CruiserMaxx, Syngenta.
- **Application Equipment:** Patriot 3330 Sprayer, Case IH. **Honorable Mention:** 47/4830 sprayer, John Deere; RoGator sprayer, AGCO; Apache AS715 sprayer, Equipment Technologies.
- **Strip-Till:** Blu-Jet Strip-Till unit, Thurston Manufacturing. **Honorable Mention:** 2510S Strip-Till Residue Master, John Deere; Pluribus Strip-Till unit, Dawn Equipment.
- **Weed Control:** Roundup PowerMAX, Monsanto. **Honorable Mention:** LibertyLink with Ignite herbicide, Bayer CropScience; Touchdown herbicide, Syngenta; Genuity Roundup Ready 2 Yield, Monsanto.

“No-tillers are the most innovative growers you will find, and they are astute at identifying products that perform under challenging conditions,” says Darrell Bruggink, executive editor and publisher of *No-Till Farmer* and the *Conservation Tillage Guide*, the organizers of the National No-Tillage Conference. “It’s very significant that these products have been recognized by our knowledgeable readers as the best no-till performers of the past year.”

A call for nominations for the 2010 program, as well as voting, will be announced

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later this year, Bruggink says. The 2010 Product of the Year award winners will be announced during the 19th annual National No-Tillage Conference from Jan. 12-15, 2011, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

To learn more about the No-Till Product of the Year program or the National No-Tillage Conference, call Bruggink at 262.782.4480, ext. 420 or e-mail dbruggink@lesspub.com.

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