

HORSCH ANDERSON



7.5" Twin Row
Spring Wheat

Greg and Chris Odde
L&O Acres, Westport, SD



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"When it comes to planting a crop, the Horsch Anderson planting system has the capacity to put a lot of product down in a hurry and the capability to do it precisely," says Greg and Chris Odde of L&O Acres of Westport, SD.

L&O Acres farms land over eight counties in South Dakota and North Dakota. L&O has been no-till farming for over 20 years. Crop rotations include soybeans, corn, spring wheat and winter wheat. In 2003, L&O Acres were looking for a planting system that could maximize the efficiency of their planting system. They were not happy with productivity and yield limitations of the air seeders they were using at the time. They became interested in Horsch Anderson PS6015 planting system when it set the world record planting rate in 2003. A demonstration arranged by their dealer Butler Machinery Company proved that the PS6015 could achieve the productivity and the planting precision they desired.

"We really like our planting systems and what they can do for our operation," Greg and Chris said. "They plant fast and are very durable. With our previous seeders we used to do one hour of maintenance to the seeder every morning and they had a lot of tire issues. With the Horsch Anderson planting systems they just start the tractors and start planting every morning. Now we may have only one tire issue per year and we are not constantly welding and repairing the machines in the field like we were on the previous seeders we owned."

When planting, L&O Acres are able to get tremendous acres per hour while moving a lot of product through the machine. "Anybody can cover a lot of acres per hour, but it's what you're doing when you're out there that counts. With the Horsch Anderson planting system we have the ability to place a lot of product precisely. It's a true one-pass seeding operation," says Greg. When tendering, logistics are important when you have a machine with the production capabilities of the Horsch Anderson planting system. They are able to tender the units with three trucks transferring into the three compartment 500 bushel commodity cart all at one time. Additional planting gains have been achieved because of less time spent waiting for perfect planting conditions. Hair pinning issues (experienced with previous seeders) have also been eliminated.

The addition of the Horsch Anderson planting system allowed L&O Acres to reduce equipment needs from four seeders to three planting systems, resulting in the need for one less tractor and operator. Significant savings have been realized in fertilizer application costs. Precision placement of fertilizer while planting eliminates spreading costs and allows maximum utilization of nutrients. Versatility of the Horsch Anderson planting system also allows L&O Acres to utilize them to place fertilizer precisely prior to planting corn or in fall fertilization. Other benefits include eliminating ruts left in the field from fertilizer application and there is no time spent waiting for the field to be fertilized prior to planting. "The Horsch Anderson planting system does a nice job of leveling the field, making it easier on spraying and harvesting equipment," Chris commented.

L&O Acres is very satisfied with the agronomic benefits achieved with the Horsch Anderson planting system. "The spacing is good for plant health. Early emergence usually results in higher yields. The plants come up quicker and have a good root structure," says Greg Odde. "With the precise placement of the fertilizer and seed, we are getting better fertilizer uptake. The Horsch Anderson planting system places the seed and fertilizer where we want it and that creates yield advantage."

L&O Acres has been using Horsch Anderson planting systems in their operation since 2004. "They are a very durable machine," said Greg. "The support of the planting systems from Butler Machinery Company and Horsch Anderson has been good and the annual reconditioning costs are lower than the previous seeders we owned. We are keeping our nitrogen costs low by using less and less nitrogen per bushel of corn and wheat. We really like our Horsch Andersons."

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