

fed fresh grain several times a day. The major drawback to this system is that the corn cannot be made marketable after it has been ensiled. This doesn't mean it loses feed value. Tests have shown that it has as much, if not a little more, feed value than dry corn. Both airtight and conventional upright silos are being used to store grain silage. If conventional units are used, more careful attention to sealing and grain moisture is needed.

Use of a batch drier and storage of the dried grain in either a converted corn crib or in metal bins in conjunction with a corn combine or picker-sheller is probably the system that gives the most flexibility. A producer can feed, sell, store or do a combination of all three when using this system. He can complete harvest a little quicker than when using any other system and can use higher capacity harvesting equipment. Investment and operating costs will be high, so it works best for large, well-financed growers. However, the total return from the crop will be enough to more than cover these increased costs. Generally the entire conversion to this new system must be made at one time, which can put quite a burden on the farm finances.

In-storage-drying of shelled corn using natural air plus a supplemental heater is a very popular system for all sizes of farm operating units. What makes it most desirable is that the changeover can be made gradually if a picker-sheller is used which can shell corn early in the season and then be used for picking late in the season. Since most corn producers are now growing more corn and producing higher yields per acre than they did several years ago, they rarely have enough permanent storage space. Purchasing two to four shelled corn storage bins gives them the extra capacity they need. By the time these units are filled, corn will be low enough in moisture to change over to picking and fill the conventional corn cribs now on the farm.



Mr. Miller (left) discusses the advantages of Firestone truck tires with Firestone Dealer, Ed Claycomb.

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Corn combining is the most efficient way of harvesting now available. Field losses will be least when grain moisture is around 30%. When moisture is much above this level, operating problems and losses will increase. One of the most important considerations is to arrange a system of moving the corn from the combine to the drying and storage area efficiently so you'll be able to keep the combine running at full capacity. Some farmers are using auger wagons to take corn from the combine to trucks.