

Good afternoon!

As seed is rolling in to the seed warehouse we are starting to think about spring! With this snowy weather it makes it hard but it's a lot easier to fix things now rather than in the field come planting time.

Now is the perfect time to get your meters tested!

It only takes one small issue in a single meter to cause uneven spacing, skips, doubles, and serious yield loss across the entire field. Don't wait until spring when downtime costs more. Proactive testing now means confidence at planting time, better emergence, and better returns at harvest.



Protect your yield. Test now, not later.

In addition to meter testing now is a great time to look over your entire planter and make sure that any worn or broken parts are addressed before the field. Small issues like worn out Seed Disks, Parallel Arms, Seed tube guards, Keetons and seed metering parts are all low hanging fruit to make sure your planter is ready to hit the field.



Did you know we are a dealer for wearparts? Wearparts Offers a wide range of parts

Planting & Seeding Parts

- Disc opener assemblies, gauge wheels, bearings, dust caps, and more for John Deere, Case IH, Kinze, Great Plains, and other planter brands.



Tillage Tools

- Disc blades in various styles (standard, rollable, deep cone, etc.)
- Vertical tillage blades and high-speed disc parts.



Cultivator & Field Parts

- Sweeps, coultter blades (smooth, fluted, notched, multi-wave), and row crop cultivator components

Specialty & Utility Parts

- Ripper points, chisel plow shovels, hardware, bearings, and other accessories.





Precision Planting has come out with a great line up called DuraWear.

DuraWear™ is Precision Planting's line of durable wear parts for planter row units, designed to outlast standard OEM parts and keep your planter performing consistently across the season.

Key Components in the DuraWear Lineup

1. DuraWear Depth Handle

- Helps calibrate each row's planting depth accurately before you hit the field.
- Makes minute depth adjustments so every row starts at the same setting, instead of guessing with a standard T-handle.
- Useful if you've seen inconsistent emergence caused by tiny depth differences.

2. DuraWear Parallel Arms

- Replaces the OEM parallel arms on your planter row units.
- Uses a two-part bushing design: a durable outer bushing protects the arm, while a rotating inner bushing wears instead of the whole arm.
- This extends life and reduces the frequency of parallel arm rebuilds or replacements.
- Now compatible with more unit types — including John Deere, Case IH, and even Kinze 3000 pull-type row units (expanded from earlier compatibility).

3. DuraWear Gauge Wheel Arms

- These connect your gauge wheels to the row unit and maintain positioning against the disc openers.
- Feature a high-wear polymer bushing pivot — no greasing, no shims, no special tools.
- Helps keep gauge wheels tight versus openers so you maintain consistent planting depth and reduce uneven wear.

4. Walking Depth Stop (Mustache)

- A simple but critical part that ensures consistent depth set by the gauge wheel arm isn't lost through wear.

- Replacing a worn mustache with a DuraWear version helps keep your depth consistent from row to row.

5. Seed Tube Guard

- Protects the seed tube and helps maintain proper furrow geometry.
- Worn guards can narrow the trench or misplace seed, so having robust guards helps seed placement and stand.

Here's a link with more details on each product, along with a compatibility chart to help you see which options will work for you.

[WEAR PARTS BUILT TO LAST](#)

Attached is a helpful guide from Precision Planting outlining key areas to inspect and what



to watch for. Taking the time now to go through your planter can help prevent downtime during planting and ensure your equipment is ready to perform when it matters most.

<https://www.precisionplanting.com/resources/guides/your-planter-maintenance-guide>

If you'd like help inspecting, sourcing parts, or upgrading components, feel free to reach out we're happy to help get you set up for a successful season.

We would also like to share with you this great Scholarship Opportunity!

We apologize for the short notice on the deadline and encourage local applicants to apply.

The **Brian Fox Memorial Scholarship**, offered through the **Sarnia Community Foundation**, is now accepting applications.



Deadline: January 31

Eligibility:

- Students enrolled in a **college or university**
- Residents of **Chatham-Kent or Lambton County**
- **No requirement** to be part of a sugar beet grower family

If you or someone you know is attending college or university, we encourage you to apply or share this with others who may benefit.

Apply here: <https://sarniacommunityfoundation.ca/scholarships/>

Let's help get this scholarship into the hands of deserving local students!



Here at Shea AG, we would also like to inform you about the cost shares intake opening with Soil and Crop.



OSCIA is launching new cost-share opportunities for Ontario farmers through the On-Farm Climate Action Fund (OFCAF).

The next OFCAF intake opens **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. ET**, with funding available for:

- Nitrogen Management
- Cover Cropping
- Rotational Grazing Systems

Farmers are encouraged to review the updated OFCAF Program Guide and attend a virtual information session to learn more about eligibility, funding, and the application process.

More information & Application : [Programs – OSCIA-Delivered Program Guides](#)

For more information, contact ofcaf@ontariosoilcrop.org or we can also point you in the right direction!

If you have any questions about any of the information above, please feel free to reach out to one of our Shea AG team members. We would be happy to help you out!