



5 QUICK PLANTING TIPS

1. Seed Bed Preparation

- Avoid planting in wet soils. Soil is ready if it crumbles when squeezed rather than sticking together in a clump.
- Check soil temperatures between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM at 5-6 inches in depth, and plant when 50°F or warmer.

2. Seeding Depth

- Optimal corn depth is 2". It is recommended to not plant less than 1½" deep or more than 2½" deep.
- Optimal soybean planting depth is 1¾". It's better to plant too deep than it is to plant too shallow. Deeper soil depths will have more consistent temperature and moisture.
- Optimal alfalfa planting depth is a quarter-inch in a very firm seedbed.

3. Planter Speed

- High speeds result in uneven spacing and shallow depth.
- Slow down to 4 MPH for the most consistent results.

4. Planter Maintenance

- Take advantage of your pre-planting down time.
- Check and replace all worn parts and review your equipment manuals.

5. Planter Checklist

- See reverse side for a handy checklist of items to review on your planter.
- Contact your equipment manufacturer with questions.



HANDY PLANTER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Level the Planter
- ☐ Check Bushings and Parallel Linkage
- ☐ Drive System
- ☐ Calibrate Corn Meters
- ☐ Double Disk Openers
- ☐ Seed Tubes
- ☐ Closing Wheel System
- ☐ Closing Wheel Alignment
- ☐ Row Cleaners
- ☐ Improve Germination with Seed Firmers
- ☐ Gauge Wheel Adjustment