



## WINNING THE BATTLE AGAINST KERNEL LOSS

James Wilson farms corn and soybeans around Benson, Illinois. He works hard all year to give his crops the best growing environment possible. But when harvest comes he says it's often a battle with kernel loss at the corn head.

In his area, harvest usually gets an early start and at that point conditions typically start off pretty good. But those conditions are constantly changing throughout the season and with that so do the operating procedures of the combine.

James notes "Dry corn shatter is very common for us at 18%. And, the small ears tend to slip through the deck plates. I was constantly changing the deck plate settings on my John Deere 893 corn head in an attempt to manage header loss throughout the season."

So, in an effort to try to control that loss, James decided to try 360 YIELD SAVER and he is so glad that he did. "We did see a difference in kernel loss after adopting 360 YIELD SAVER. I'd say a rough estimate of about 3-5 bushels per acre yield advantage."

He notes that following the best practices by making a minor change to one of his normal operating procedures was key the product's performance. "We opened the deck plates all the way when running 360 YIELD SAVER." While it may seem backwards to open the deck plates to increase savings, it's key for a cleaner pull down of the stalk through the deck plates.

Then the most commonly asked question, how long will the brushes last? For James, he says "We ran 360 YIELD SAVER on all 8 rows of our corn head and we ran the head over 550 acres. You can see some wear but they will last another season."

With savings in the 3-5 bushel per acre range, James notes, "Overall, 360 YIELD SAVER had an excellent performance in our specific harvest conditions. I really like how they work."

