



Some stripped seed rows. The rows are 2' apart

it would have in a "tougher" seed crop. A moisture test done in a drier area of the fields had the seed at 14%. We had a light shower while harvesting the 40-plus acres but had the combine going again after only 10 minutes or so of sunshine and a breeze. The shower actually reduced the shattering for a short time before the surface moisture disappeared again. There didn't appear to be any noticeable change in combine action even when restarting.

growth but nothing exceptional even when compared to high straight cutting where up to 2' of stubble can be left.

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# NOSE PUMP — an all-weather water option

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To help ranchers find safe and available water 12 months a year, Jim and Jackie Anderson have put a new spin on old-school technology: a pump that lets cattle draw their own fresh well or dugout water year-round, without the need for power.

Alberta Ag and the PFRA offer some funding these days to help ranchers bring in new water sources, so the Rimbey, Alta., ranch couple recommends that their idea, Frostfree Nosepumps, should be installed soon.

We all saw the basic idea on the folks' farm when we were kids. You pull a few times on a hand-cranked pump to draw water from the well directly beneath it. The Andersons' design, however, allows the pump to work in winter, and is easy enough for livestock to use as a drinking fountain.



Jim and Jackie Anderson's Frostfree Nosepump

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