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Planting has Started

The first kernels of corn went into the ground on May 7th for our corn project. In this not so ideal farming spring weather, it was decided that the weather was as close to ideal as it was going to get. The first plot of two 1/4 acre varieties was planted at Parson BC. Thanks to rancher and his experience with corn, we had a successful first planting.

The John Deere 7100 two row planter equipped with finger style corn meters performed well on its first debut of planting considering it sat in the dust for many years in Manitoba.

The corn was planted at a depth of 1.5" to 1.75" with a kernel to kernel spacing of 6.5". The inter row spacing of 30" was maintained all through the plot. The planter was calibrated to plant approximately 30,000 seeds per acre.



3 out of 6 plots are in the ground



Right : Jeff and Jody clean the planter between varieties

Left: Planting at Bull River under the Steeples



Ground has been prepped with a few passes of the disk followed by harrows or some sort of leveling implement. After ground prep and fertilizer incorporation the corn plots are ready. Corn was successfully planted in Grasmere BC, as well as another ranch at Bull River BC. The remainder of the plot locations will be planted by other project partners.