

Automated Lubrication on Combines

The Payback

Dealers and farmers have told us about the true “costs” related to manual lubrication of combines. We knew costs existed but based upon their experience and the calculations reflected below, we confirmed that over \$5,500 is spent each year for daily lubrication and repairs – money that can be saved by using Lincoln automated lubrication systems!

The Analysis

Planned Down Time: Labor to manually lube a combine once a day

1/2 hour per day	Time required to do the job right with a Lincoln grease gun
x 20 acres	Acres harvested per hour
10 acres lost	Additional acres that could be harvested instead of lubing
\$ 14.00	Net income (Harvested acre of wheat – Plains)
x 10	Acres lost
\$ 140.00	Net income lost per day
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x 30 days	Days of operation during harvest
\$ 4,200.00	Annual cost for daily manual lubrication, not including hourly rate of operator

Unplanned Down Time: Costs related to a failed component

Replacement of one Fan Variable Pulley bearing

\$ 18.00	Material cost for replacement bearing
\$ 60.00	Labor to repair – 2 hours @ \$30.00
\$ 1,400.00	Missed income – 5 hours x 20 acres/hour x \$14/acre
\$ 1,478.00	Actual cost to repair failed bearing
\$ 5,678.00	Total Cost of Lubrication Related Downtime

\$ 3,000.00 – \$ 4,000.00 Cost of an installed Quicklub® Kit

\$ 1,678.00 – \$ 2,678.00 First Year Net Savings with Quicklub®

\$ 5,678.00 Annual Net Savings Every Additional Year of Ownership



For additional information or to order Quicklub® System Kits for your combine, contact your local Farm Equipment Dealer.