



Many benefits using a V-rake

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IF MOTHER Nature spoils a potentially good grain harvest, either from overly dry conditions that fail to produce head, or late season weather damage, you can still salvage the situation and turn a failed crop into saleable fodder.

Cereal hay farmers already know the benefits of using a finger wheel V-rake.

They cover large areas efficiently, and are gentle on the grain head.

Importantly, if the ground is furrowed, a V-rake can roll along the ridged seed drill lines, gently passing the crop from one wheel to the next with minimum soil contamination of the crop.

Rotary rakes are less than ideal on this soil profile, tending to scarify the ground and causing contamination.

For a farmer with a failed grain crop, a finger wheel rake is a cost-effective solution for salvaging crops.

V-rakes cost less than a rotary rake and work faster so fodder can be produced very efficiently.

They are also a solid investment, with finger wheel



Correct set up is crucial to the efficiency of finger rakes.

rakes having a longer life than rotary rakes, particularly in broadacre paddocks, and maintenance is low with few complex parts.

Even if you've had a great crop, a finger wheel rake can bring in extra profit from straw sales.

Drought conditions have increased the use of feed mixers and straw provides good bulk and fibre for the mixed rations.

"To get the most out of finger wheel rakes, it's important to set them up at the right width and speed,"

Inlon's product manager, Shane Ryan said.

"Trying to grab too much too quickly is counter-productive, ploughing rather than raking and bringing debris into the crop.

"If you set it too wide, you will roll the forage like a rope

rather than carrying it gently along the wheels.

"Get the set-up right, and you can't beat a finger wheel rake for efficiently maximising yield."

For more than 30 years, Sitrex finger wheel rakes have been a solid performer for a

wide range of hay and straw growers, as well as salvaging failed cereal crops.

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