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ZÜRN PROFICUT

The biomass direct cut header for top performances

RECOMMENDED BY



JOHN DEERE





Our expertise is your strength!

We have consistently continued the development of the whole crop harvesting technology to meet the challenges of dealing with ever more powerful forage harvesters, an ever greater diversity of crops and ever newer requirements.

The new **PROFI CUT** generation sets new benchmarks in direct cutting technology for biomass. See for yourself!





Direct Harvesting of Energy Crops

Cut and chop in one operation - with perfect results

Harvesting whole crops directly avoids losses and reduces harvest chain costs. Higher yields and more diverse crop rotations have changed the requirements for biomass harvest technology. We have responded by developing a completely new generation of **PROFI CUT** headers.

Offering a working width of up to seven meters, these brand-new headers are designed to deliver top results.

These developments factor in customer ideas and wishes, offering maximum versatility that allows you to harvest a wide range of different crops reliably.

The universal header for direct harvesting of biomass.

DIRECT BIOMASS HARVESTING



Szarvasi grass



Alfalfa



Rye



Triticale



Vetch rye



Cup plant



Sorghum millet

New benchmarks in biomass harvesting

Developed in the field

The new **PROFI CUT 530** and **PROFI CUT 700** direct cut headers are the perfect match for the new generation of forage harvesters and the perfect solution for the challenges of biomass harvesting.

Designed for top results

Designed and engineered for high horsepower forage harvesters, the new wholecrop header has been exhaustively tested as part of the John Deere 8000 and 9000 Series development programme.

Requiring less input power

Using optimised components and more efficient drives, we have been able to reduce the header's input power.

Automatic header identification

The John Deere forage harvester detects the **PROFI CUT** header automatically and retrieves the programmed machine settings, allowing operators to control all header functions from the cab.

Optimum chop quality

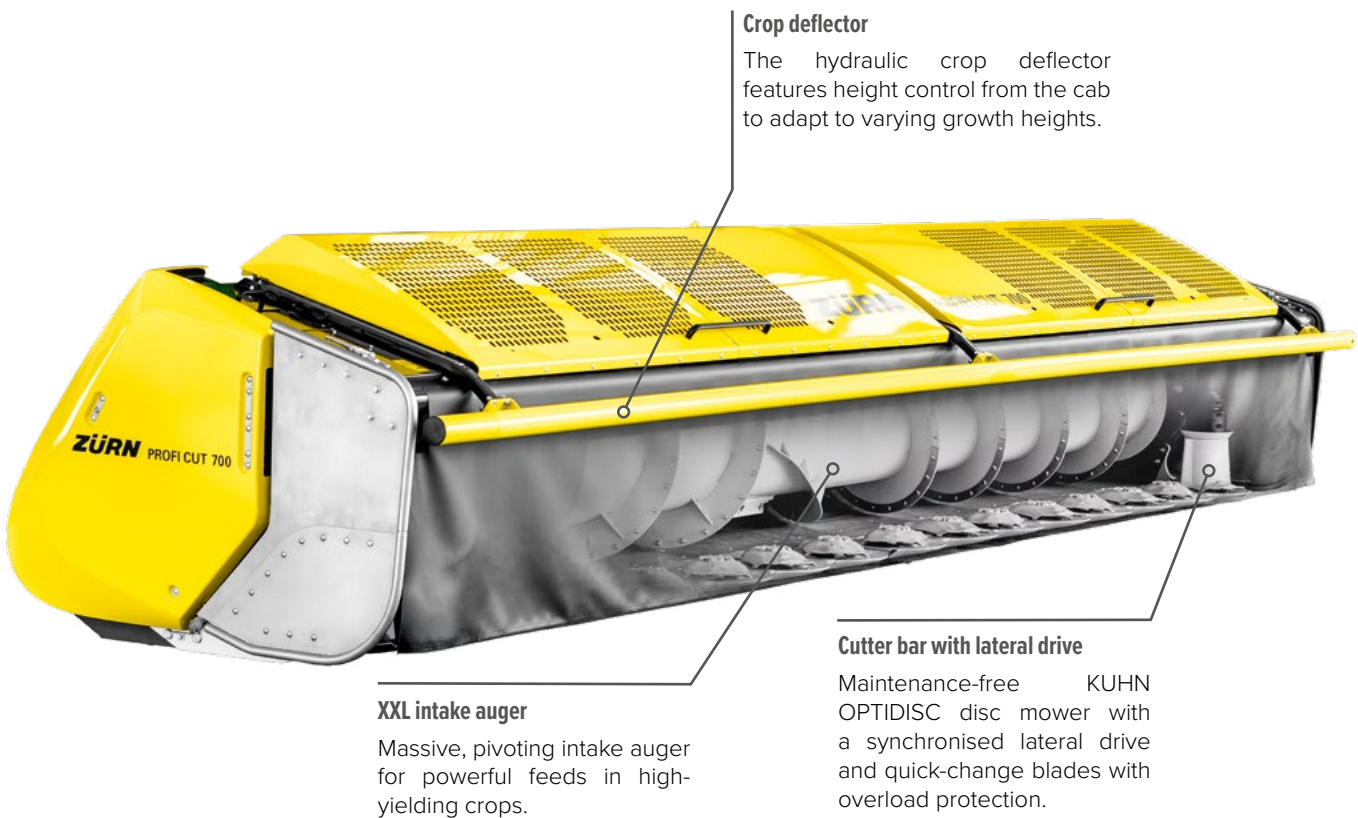
The maintenance-free disc mower impresses by virtue of its perfect cut - even in laid crop. The massive auger ensures a perfect material feed and a smooth crop flow into the forager. This is the first step in achieving optimum chop quality.



Maximum Outputs, Maximum Reliability

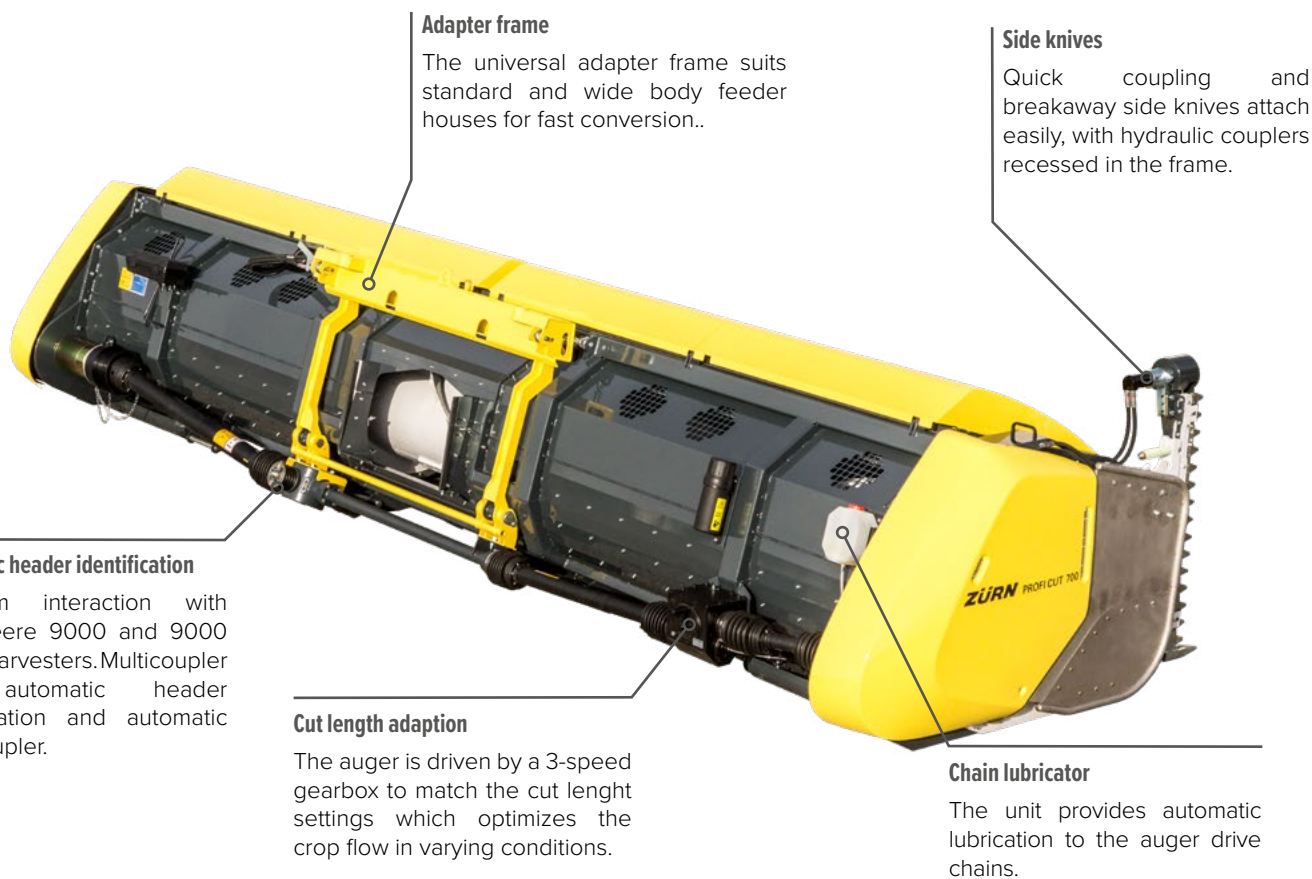
Superior engineering for your John Deere forage harvester

Working at widths of 5.3m and 7.0m, **PROFI CUT** sets new benchmarks for efficiency and performance.



What you want from a direct cut header

- Harvesting biomass directly and saving the extra pass, cost-saving logistics and minimum crop contamination.
- Excellent cut, minimum mass and shatter losses; cutting close to the ground to harvest laid crop without loss.
- High acreages from a large working width and efficient use on high-end forage harvesters.
- Optimum crop flow through the header for massive throughputs and versatile use in short and high-yielding crops.
- Consistent crop feed to the pre-compression rollers for high-quality chops and minimal overlengths.
- High productivity from versatile use in diverse crops and reliable cuts in Szarvasi grass, triticale, vetch rye, cup plant and sorghum.



NEW BENCHMARKS

Recommended
by John Deere for
direct harvesting
of whole crops.

Recommended configuration	8100	8200	8300	8400	8500	8600	9600	9700	9800	9900
ZÜRN PROFI CUT 530	•	•	•	•	•	•				
ZÜRN PROFI CUT 700				•	•	•	•	•	•	•

The First Impression Counts

Modern styling combined with high-quality work

The new **PROFI CUT** combines modern styling and functional engineering to deliver a powerful performance.

The stylish deck houses innovative technology, long-lasting components and a host of clever solutions for an optimum biomass harvest.

The use of advanced technology allows the forage harvester to identify the **PROFI CUT** automatically and to retrieve the correct settings – for higher operator comfort and an enormous plus in productivity.

PERFECT CONNECTION



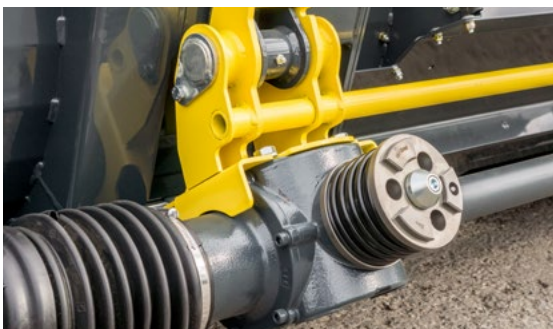
Multicoupler and header identification

The multicoupler with maintenance-free design offers single point attachment of electrical and hydraulic lines and includes an automatic header recognition function. Attachment and removal has never been easier.



Finger-tip control from the in-cab terminal

The John Deere forage harvester identifies the **PROFI CUT** header automatically so you can control your new direct cut header conveniently from the operator seat. The central information display screen shows all major header settings.



Auto-coupling header drive

The automatic PTO coupler is an option that allows operators to couple the driveline conveniently from the cab, saving time and money.



Adapter frame with cutting angle adjuster

The main gearbox is integrated in the adapter frame. The cutting angle adjuster adapts the header to the size of the tyres fitted or to the current harvest conditions.



Perfect headers for high-end forage harvesters

PROFI CUT offers a number of unique features that ensure perfect interaction between the header and the John Deere 8000 and 9000 forage harvesters.

By inching up to the header, the driveshaft is automatically coupled to the quick coupling system. All that is left to do for the operator is secure the multicoupler by operating its lever.

A true performance booster is the automatic header drive control system which continues powering the **PROFI CUT** at full rpm even when engine rpm drops during work and the forage harvester reaches its performance limit. This ensures an optimum quality of cut and chop.



Convenient attachment

On the headland, you can lower the header transporter comfortably from the cab – a convenient way of attaching the **PROFI CUT**.



Quick attachment

As the multicoupler makes the connection, the **PROFI CUT** logs in to the forage harvester and retrieves all settings stored in the electronic system.



Consistent speed control

The header speed is maintained when engine speed drops. This way, **PROFI CUT** is always performing at full capacity.

The Optimum Cut

For a successful harvest

The Kuhn OPTI DISC cutter bar has proven its worth the world over by virtue of its top-of-the class cutting quality and superior reliability. Permanently lubricated, the mower bar requires next to no service and maintenance at all.

PROFI CUT produces exceptionally uniform and clean cuts - both in low-yielding and high-yielding crops, and makes short work of down crop too.

CLEAN CUTS



Synchronized lateral drives on the cutter bar

The use of two lateral drives ensures a clean cut across the full working width and a smooth material flow to the intake auger. Synchronizing the two cutter bars ensures reliable performance even after many hours of work.



Efficient cutter bar drive

The WSO pulleys increase the service life of the belts at high speeds and reduce the weight. The 4-groove Powerband is able to transmit high power.



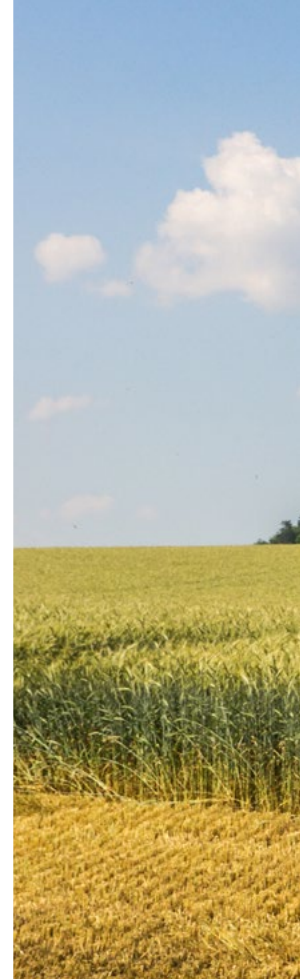
Adjusting the cutting angle steplessly

The adapter frame has turnbuckles that adjust the cutting angle steplessly to achieve clean cuts in laid crops and ensure loss-free harvests.



Wide skids for low cuts

Four wide skids ensure perfect depth control and clean forage. They can be lined with hard-wearing Hardox plates as an option to deal with difficult conditions.





Very reliable and easy to service

For us, only the best is good enough. Therefore, the new **PROFI CUT** uses the world's best-selling disc mower to provide perfect cuts.

Lubricated for life and designed to deliver highest outputs, the OPTI DISC cutter bar from KUHN brings exceptional longevity and maximum reliability and yet requires minimum service and maintenance.

Instead of using one full-width cutter bar, it has two separate and synchronized cutter bars – for high longevity and low follow-up costs.

The discs are spaced at various intervals to boost and optimize the crop flow and improve the quality of cut.



Quick-release system for knife replacement

The quick-release knife mount system enables to exchange all knives in just a few moments.

Cutter bar breakaway system

The breakaway system protects the cutter bar drive from damage when one of the discs hits an obstacle. A pre-machined notch on the shafts cuts the power flow and the cutter bar can be repaired within no time and at minimum cost.



Less distance for a clean cut

At the point where the discs diverge, the distance between them is reduced to increase knife overlap. This results in a clean and stripe-free cut.

More distance for enhanced crop flow

More space is provided in the overlap area between converging discs, which leads to a smoother crop feed to the rear and an optimum environment to produce perfect cuts.

Voracious Appetite

Optimum crop feed and consistent crop flow

The cutter bar, intake auger and the driveline make a perfectly tuned system that ensures a consistent crop flow through the header.

The large-diameter intake auger feeds the material directly into the forager. The unique design of the auger flights ensures a consistent feed to the pre-compression rollers.

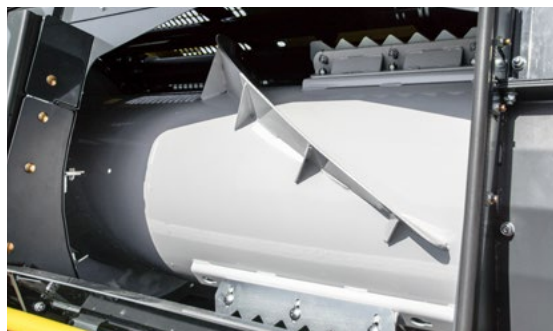
Adjusting the auger speed optimizes the crop flow and the throughput and ultimately the chopping quality – especially in difficult conditions.

SUPERIOR CHOPPING QUALITY



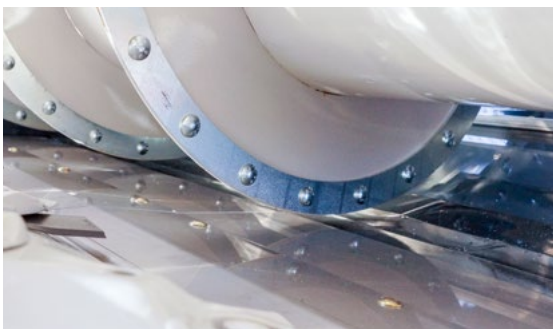
The XXL intake auger

The intake auger is geared to deliver highest feed rates. The auger measures 808mm in diameter and pivots to provide plenty of space in the trough for large volumes of material to pass through smoothly.



Perfect crop transfer to the forager

The conical arrangement of the flights ensures an optimum feed into the forage harvester. The paddles are adjustable so the material can be fed directly to the pre-compression rollers in particularly difficult conditions.



Standard wear plates

The flights are protected by bolted plates to ensure a long service life in sandy soils. The integral stainless steel floor of the auger trough optimizes the crop flow even further.



Chop length control

The 3-speed gearbox adjusts the auger speed to boost throughputs and produce a uniform quality of chop. This way, the crop flow is optimized even on the header to ensure the set chop length is achieved.



Substrate of uniform chop lengths increases gas yields

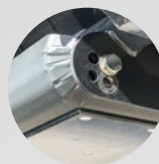
The quality of the silage has a major impact on the level of gas yields. But the length of cut is important too. A uniform crop feed from the header is crucial for producing a substrate that is made up of uniform chops and only few overlengths.

PROFI CUT direct cut headers offer a number of setting options that allow operators to adjust the crop flow in varying conditions, a vital element in producing top-quality chops and boosting the productivity of your biogas plant.



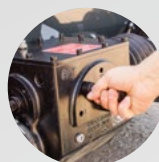
Stepless cutting angle control

for an optimum quality of work and an effective harvest of down crop.



Adjustable wide skids

for precise depth control and minimum contamination.



Auger speed control

for various crops and cut length settings.



Adjustable crop deflector

for adjustment to various crops and different growth heights.



Options

for special conditions and crops such as vetch rye and cup plant.

Superior Performance in Whole Crop

The high-capacity direct cut header for all types of crops

The **PROFI CUT** is a universal header that delivers perfect cuts in the direct harvest of biomass. The direct cut header is designed to manage huge masses of crop, no matter whether you are harvesting whole crop silage, vetch rye or cup plant.

Its massive working width ensures the most powerful forage harvesters are supplied with volumes that suit their appetites. Yet also in low-yielding crops, **PROFI CUT** delivers tidy cuts at working speeds of up to 20kph.

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VERSATILITY



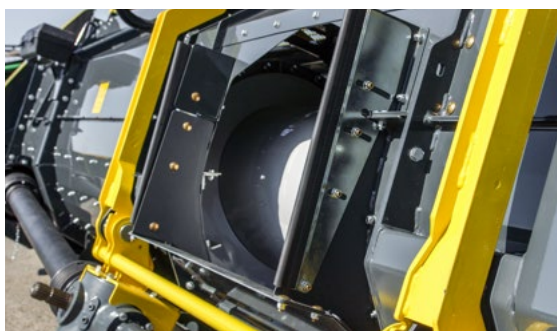
Hydraulic side knives

The side knives are the perfect option for dealing with difficult and tangled energy crops. The knives are protected from impact and potential damage by springs that allow them to break back and return to work position.



Integral hydraulic couplers

The hydraulic lines for the side knives are integrated in the header and the couplers are recessed for protection from chaff and debris.



Universal feeder house

Adapting the feeder house to the intake width of the forage harvester is quick and easy. Simply move the frame into the correct position.



Automatic chain lubricator

The automatic chain lubricator attends to the chain systematically and accurately, reducing wear and service time and boosting machine reliability.



Clever solutions for all crops and harvest conditions

Universal options

A range of options are available to adapt the **PROFI CUT** direct cut header to various crops and varying conditions.

For example, the crop deflector is height adjustable to suit different growth heights. This is done hydraulically by pressing a button in the cab. This feature allows machine owners to harvest crops up to 4m tall.

Side knives and cup plant kit

The side knives convert the **PROFI CUT** in no time into a header that cuts tangled crops such as vetch rye.

The special cup plant kit is available for the harvesting of perennial cup plant. The crop roller ensures the plants flow smoothly into the header, and special spikes on the auger provide an effective feed.



Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)

The cup plant with its showy yellow flowers is of increasing importance as energy crop. The permanent crop can complement maize cropping rotation with an enormous biomass potential. This makes the cup plant the supreme discipline of whole crop harvest.



Tuned for challenging cup plants

The new **PROFI CUT** has proven its versatility in extensive field tests with various crops and conditions. It's made for highest throughputs and feeds the bulky cup plants evenly.

Easy Loading and Fast Transport

The transporter for direct cut headers

Our header transporter benefits from a thorough re-engineering for swift field changes. The transporter lowers its bed hydraulically so the operator can conveniently place the header on it. This feature is a major plus in speeding up attachments and removals.

Equipped with a hydraulic-steer rear axle, the transporter tracks behind the forage harvester for safe travel on narrow field tracks and through narrow gates - the ideal way of getting **PROFI CUT** to the field fast.

CONVENIENT TRANSPORT



Hydraulic lower/raise

The bed of the transporter is lowered hydraulically for convenient attachment and removal of the header in the field. After the header is placed on the bed, this is raised for generous ground clearance and safe travel on bumpy field roads.



Swift and safe travel

Forage harvesters usually travel at high speed between fields to save valuable time. Consequently, all our header transporters have been homologated for road speeds of up to 40kph as standard specification.



Mechanical locking system

Thanks to the new supports and the mechanical header locking system, **PROFI CUT** is secured quickly and easily on the header transporter.



Storing the side knives on the transporter

When the side knives are not in use they are stored in practical brackets on the transporter. Their quick couplers allow for attachment and removal in record time without the use of tools.





“The quality of work impressed us all.”

When harvesting energy crops for biogas plants, German contractor Thomas Wolf expects high work rates and an absolutely reliable machine.

The company started using the **PROFI CUT** in 2011. “That was a test run in 4-5m tall sorghum, some of which was lodged. All competitors had failed in these difficult conditions. **PROFI CUT** was the only header that made it”, describes Thomas his first experience with the **ZÜRN** direct cut header.

After this very positive debut, the contractor invested in a **PROFI CUT** header. And this proved its worth in the years to come. So Thomas is very happy with his decision: “The quality of work has convinced us in all conditions. In addition to that, **ZÜRN** has given us an outstanding service through our local dealer. They both helped us out immediately whenever the machine was forced to stop.”

German contractor Thomas Wolf:

Forage harvesting is the core of the contracting business. The machinery fleet currently comprises five self-propelled John Deere forage harvesters. Two permanent staff and ten temporary drivers operate the **PROFI CUT**, harvesting about 200-300ha of green rye, triticale mix and sorghum plus 1,500-2,000ha of grass and about 2,500ha of silage maize. Most customers are biogas producers.



“A large working width translates into high working rates.”

German biogas producer and contractor Markus Nusser:

“Reducing the ground speed reduces fuel consumption.”

When it comes to substrate harvesting, work rates is the number one priority for energy producer Markus Nusser. The **PROFI CUT 700** header has the necessary punch to put the high-capacity precision-chop forage harvester through its paces. “The 7m **PROFI CUT** utilizes our John Deere 8800i to its full potential, and we get enormous work rates,” says Markus. “Besides, the large working width allows us to work at a lower ground speed, which of course reduces fuel consumption.

“Our **PROFI CUT** header also achieves excellent results in laid crops.”

The **PROFI CUT** also scores high marks in difficult conditions: “We really appreciate the **PROFI CUT** performance in laid crops which are effectively gathered and fed into the machine so that we achieve a consistently high quality of chop,” adds Markus. “In addition to that, **PROFI CUT** produces a clean cut in down crops and minimizes losses in difficult conditions.”

German biogas producer Markus Nusser

The business focus is on operating two 2MW biogas plants. The family-run firm uses **PROFI CUT** to harvest 400-500ha of green rye, triticale mix, Szarvasi grass and further energy crops. In addition, they rear 200 head of beef cattle in a modern free stall.





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“Excellent cuts and excellent chops.”

German contractor Mathias Beilharz

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The contracting business operates four forage harvesters that harvest approx. 2,000ha of grassland and 1,000ha of maize. **PROFI CUT** is used to chop about 450ha of whole crop silage. The machinery fleet comprises two John Deere combine harvesters and a corresponding haulage fleet.



“Outstanding chop quality”

About 60% of Mathias’ customers are biogas producers who generally require a very specific quality of chop. The **PROFI CUT 530** has delivered just that from the very beginning: “The **PROFI CUT** provides an exceptional cut. We have nearly no overlengths, even when we produce very short chops. This is much appreciated by our biogas customers,” says Mathias.

“Impressive appetite”

The John Deere 8400i and the 5.3m direct cut header are the perfect match that makes short work of high-yielding and high-density crops. Mathias is really enthusiastic about his header: “It’s really stunning to see how much the **PROFI CUT** gobbles up. Pretty good stuff. Best of all is that the header is running quietly on the harvester.”

The Zürn direct cut header also performs superbly in cup plant: “The **PROFI CUT** is really unbeatable in cup plant,” adds Markus.

Recommended by John Deere

One stop shopping

ZÜRN PROFI CUT is recommended by John Deere as the best solution for direct harvesting of biomass with the 8000 and 9000 series forage harvesters.

Also, our rape extensions, sunflower extensions and header transporters have the John Deere Allied-Equipment quality seal which guarantees the machine was developed and trialed in close collaboration with John Deere.

The benefits for you: Full guarantee, quality assured products, verified first-time fit and dependable parts supply.

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COMPLIMENTS



Technical Details

ZÜRN PROFI CUT for John Deere series 8000 and 9000

Model	PROFI CUT 530	PROFI CUT 700
Description	Direct cut header for harvesting whole crop silage and biomass with the self-propelled John Deere 8000 and 9000 series forage harvesters	
Working width	5.3 m (17,5 ft)	7.0 m (23 ft)
Working speed	approx. 5 - 20 kph	approx. 5 - 20 kph
Cutting height	approx. 5 - 15 cm	approx. 5 - 15 cm
No. of mower discs	2 x 6	2 x 8
No. of knives	24 (2/Scheibe)	32 (2/Scheibe)
Cutter bar drive	synchronisierter Außenantrieb über 4-rilliges Powerband, WSO-Riemenscheibe	
Intake auger diameter	808 mm	808 mm
Intake auger	Verschleißwindungen für Einzugsschnecke, aufschraubbar, einstellbare Einzugspaddel	
Auger drive	Kettenantrieb, Drehzahl über 3-stufiges Getriebe einstellbar	
Autom. chain lubricator	●	●
Input power	45 kW (61 PS)	55 kW (75 PS)
Adapter frame	Adapter frame with cutting angle adjustment, integrated main gearbox; central pivot pin (pendulum frame on the forager); adjustable intake width to adapt to standard or wide body feeder house	
Multicoupler	●	●
Autom. header identification	●	●
Quick couplers	○	○
No. of wide skids	4	4
Set of Hardox skid plates	○	○
Hydr. side knives	○	○
Integrated hydraulic connections	○	○
Cup plant kit	○	○
Hour counter	○	○
US lighting	○	○
Weight	2,960 kg	3,250 kg

Model	SWW 660-530H		SWW 660-700HL	
Description		2-axle header transporter with articulated steering and hydraulic bed lift/lower for ZÜRN PROFI CUT direct cut headers.		
Recommended for headers		PROFI CUT 530	PROFI CUT 700	
Hydraulic lower/raise		●	●	
Four-wheel steering		—	●	
Dimensions	Length	10,357 mm	11,995 mm	
	Width	2,430 mm	2,430 mm	
Weight		1,800 kg	2,100 kg	
Gross weight		6,800 kg	6,800 kg	
Tire size		10.0/75-15.3 14 PR		
Number of upports		2	2	
Supports with mechanical locks		●	●	
Parking brake		●	●	
Overrun brake with auto reverse		●	●	
Lighting		●	●	
Type-approval		Approved for 40 kph		

● Standard ○ Option — not available

135 Years of Passion for Ag Machinery

Our complete product range



The harvest specialist

We are firmly rooted in farming and at home in the fields around the world. The origins of **ZÜRN** date back to the blacksmith shop that was founded in 1885. Since then, **ZÜRN** has evolved to become a synonym for 100% Made in Germany quality.

At our Merchingen production site, we develop and manufacture equipment for combines and forage harvesters of all brands. New technologies for mechanical weed control complete our extensive product range.

Our Hohebuch production site develops, manufactures and markets research plot combines that ensure plot-to-plot purity.

State-of-the-art production technology and service expertise ensure high-performance and reliable products that boost your productivity.

Combine headers

- **PREMIUM FLOW** high-capacity belt headers
- **SOLERO** sunflower headers

Header extensions

- **RAPS PROFI II** rapeseed header extensions
- **COMPACT** side knives
- Sunflower extensions

Header transporters

- Single-, tandem-, two-axle header transporters
- Four-wheel steer header transporters

Headers for forage harvesters

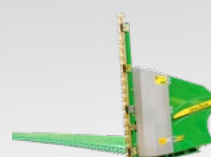
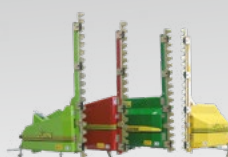
- **PROFI CUT** direct cut headers for biomass

Econventional Farming

- **TOP CUT** ^{collect} weed collector
- **SEED TERMINATOR** multi-stage hammer mill

Agricultural field trial equipment

- Plot combines
- High-clearance tool carriers
- Plot seeders



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