

## MacDon: High-performance Draper and FlexDraper® Headers for European harvesting conditions

**Leading edge header technology for high-yielding crops / Built tough to deliver worry-free harvesting performance / Suitable for any crop, any condition, any combine / Active Float System and true ground following / Promotes more harvesting hours per day**

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MacDon Industries Ltd. will use Agritechnica 2017 to present the latest Draper and FlexDraper® Headers of the Canadian harvesting specialists. These headers are designed to maximize productivity even in the most challenging harvesting situations.

In addition to the renowned Active Float System that keeps the headers true-to-the-ground, the outstanding performance of the reel and the smooth, even crop flow, are some of the notable characteristics of MacDon Draper Headers. They are designed to fit most major brand combines with an easy-to-install completion package, and are available in sizes up to 13.7 m (45')

### **True Ground Following**

MacDon's Active Float System reacts instantly to changing ground conditions. The immediate float response means that cutting can take place extremely close to the ground without pushing soil, thus avoiding crop losses. That is of particular importance in high-yielding crop stands common in Europe with frequent lodging in unfavourable weather conditions.

The MacDon FD1 FlexDraper® even goes one step further: the floating, three-section flexible header and split reel allow the entire header frame, cutterbar, and reel to follow ground contours as a unit, flexing up to 245 mm (10") on either end, while maintaining a close reel-to-cutterbar relationship. The unique three-section design ensures smooth and consistent feeding to the combine.

### **Amazing reel performance**

Unlike other headers, the movement of the MacDon heavy-duty reel picks up and gently places the crop onto the drapers. The reel features a uniquely shaped cam, which allows the fingers to get underneath lodged crop and pick it up before it is cut. Along with the header tilt control, which hydraulically angles the knife from the cab, and fore-aft reel positioning, MacDon headers can reduce, or altogether eliminate, the need for crop lifters.

## **Making better use of tighter harvest windows**

The Active Crop Flow of MacDon's Draper and FlexDraper® Headers gently places the crop on the side drapers heads-first, then swiftly moves it onto the feed draper, where it is scooped up into the combine's feeder house. Heads-first feeding promotes peak combine efficiency by saving fuel, improving threshing action, creating better straw distribution, and allowing for a more productive harvest.

Draper Headers are particularly more efficient in damp and moist conditions: that is why harvesting can start earlier in the morning and last longer in evening hours. As climate change increasingly affects the length and stability of harvest windows, productivity increases achieved by upgrading from a traditional auger platform to a MacDon Draper Header makes more efficient use of the harvest window.

## **Multi-crop harvesting solution**

MacDon's Draper and FlexDraper® Headers are true multi-crop headers able to take down cereals, oil seeds, pulse crops – just about any crop in any condition. The FD1 FlexDraper® switches easily from flex to a solid frame with the quick flip of a lever, thus providing ultimate flexibility to move from one crop type to another.

“We are convinced that European farmers will quickly realize the advantages that come with MacDon's Draper and FlexDraper® Headers. Once someone sees this they will never go back to a traditional auger platform”, says Benedikt von Riedesel, General Manager of MacDon Europe GmbH.

MacDon, a family-owned company, has kept their values firmly intact for over 65 years while becoming a world-class equipment manufacturer. With a workforce of approximately 1,400, our products are sold in over 40 countries, with offices in Canada, the United States, Australia, Russia, Brazil and now Europe.

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