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## Combine harvesting



Combine harvester greatly reduces harvesting time as the crop is simultaneously harvested and threshed.

### Before using a combine harvester

- ✓ Thoroughly clean the combine harvester parts such as the cutting assembly, auger conveyors, thresher, and the cleaning component to avoid seed contamination.
- ✓ Clean the sacks to be used in loading grains to prevent impurities.

### In using a combine harvester

- 1** Do the basic checkup procedure on the combine harvester before going to the field.
- 2** Remove all bamboo stakes in the field.
- 3** Harvest first the corners of the field and the rows near dikes manually using sickle to prevent lodging and grain loss.
- 4** Adjust the combine engine based on the recommended speed.
- 5** Use the reverse clutch when turning at the corner to prevent lodging and minimize grain loss.
- 6** Transfer grain-filled sacks immediately to the road or dry place to prevent contact with water and mud that may deteriorate grain quality.

Source: Field Operations Manual. 2007. Philippine Rice Research Institute.