Whether spreading litter, lime or granular fertilizer, spinner spreaders are proven to be more efficient when using GPS guidance systems and rate controllers.

Getting Started
Implementing a rate controller on your spreader may be easier than you think. Displays and controllers that you already use for other operations such as planting and spraying may be moved and utilized on your spreader. Check with your local dealer and/or manufacturer to see what additional components, cabling, and unlock codes may be necessary to get started.

Adopting a Rate Controller
Using a rate controller along with GPS guidance can greatly enhance spreader performance. Adding automatic section control capabilities to the rate controller can automatically turn the spreader on and off when approaching previously applied areas. Implementing these technologies minimizes over-application and applying only in designated areas.

Benefits of the Technology
- Easier calibration of the spreader
- Improved application accuracy
- Reduced overlap and skips
- Reduction of input costs
- Improved environmental stewardship
- As-applied maps for application verification and future management

Farmer Testimony by Stan Usery Jr.
Why did you start using a rate controller?
I wanted to do a better job of controlling and managing my litter when adjusting speeds and turning at point rows during field application. I also wanted to improve my record keeping through the field documentation data provided by the technology.

Is it worth investing?
Absolutely. I am a small farmer so I need to maximize each acre and manage it to its fullest potential to compete with larger operations.

Advice to Others:
Research all sources including asking other farmers before making an investment in precision ag.

Stan Usery Jr. and father Stan Sr. farm in North Central Alabama where they manage several broiler houses and grow cotton, wheat, soybeans and corn. They adopted precision ag in 2006 to improve their farm management and field documentation.