Tips to reduce wind damage to swaths

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Thin crops and high winds can lead to heavy shattering losses if swaths start to roll. Here are tips to reduce potential losses from swaths blowing:

- —Swath parallel to the typical prevailing winds in the area.
- —Cut the plants as high as possible, just below the lowest pod.
- —Using a properly adjusted swath roller, push down the swath so that the edges are nestled into the stubble. Because the swath will be on or close to the ground, curing and/or dry down time may take longer.