

Illinois Farmer Makes Innovative Farm Carts

"We've had tremendous interest because there's nothing like them on the market," says Illinois farmer and manufacturer Howard Spitson who's doing a booming business selling his flatbed utility carts.

He makes three standard designs and also custom-builds to order. The most popular model is a farm/utility cart with a 22 by 47-in. platform with optional sides that fit in stake pockets. The 3-wheel cart carries up to a 350-lb. payload and is built low to the ground to make it easy to load and unload yet has 12-in. non-corrosive, ball bearing-mounted plastic wheels that roll easily across rough ground. "We originally designed it to move small animals, but farmers have come

up with all kinds of uses," says Spitson. Sells for \$265.

The 3-wheel "construction cart" model has a 24 by 48-in. platform and is fitted with pneumatic tires. It'll handle an 800-lb. load. Spitson says it has also found its way onto many farms. It sells for \$315.

He also makes a 2-wheel "nursery cart" that works like a wheelbarrow but is fitted with a handy 24 by 36-in, steel mesh flatbed. Sells for \$195.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Renaissance Farm Manufacturing, P.O. Box 216, Harvard, Ill. 60033 (ph 815 943-7758 or 7673).

Deep-Till Ripper Fitted With New-Style Trash-Cutting Coulters

"Our new deep-till ripper is equipped with pairs of 20-in. serrated coulters - mounted in a V-shaped configuration - that cut and mix heavy trash much more aggressively than straight coulters. These "Terracoulters", as we call them, also do a better job of throwing dirt out to cover trash," says Mike Tebben, Tebben Enterprises, Clara City, Minn.

The spring-loaded concave coulters are mounted on a parallel linkage that can be clamped onto the toolbar of any chisel plow or moldboard plow, or other brands of deeptill rigs. Down pressure can be varied according to conditions.

"They're much more aggressive than straight coulters at cutting through trash, especially in heavy trash or in wet conditions," says Tebben. "The angled coulters pull trash apart and cut it instead of just pushing through it. They keep chisel plow shanks from plugging up and leave just the right amount of trash on top."



A 5-shank deep till rig equipped with Terracoulters sells for \$12,900; a 7-shank model sells for \$16,900. Individual Terracoulter units sell for \$445 apiece.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tebben Enterprises, RR 2, Box 140 West Hwy. 7, Clara City, Minn. 56222 (ph 612 847-3512 or 612 847-2200).

"Slide Back" Chopper Kit For Deere Combines

"My new 'slide back' chopper kit lets you slide the choppers on '20' series Deere combines back out of the way so you can windrow straw for baling," says Ralph Parkinson, Hillsburg, Ontario.

The kit consists of slide rails, made from 1/8-in. steel, that bolt to existing bolt holes at the back of the machine. The chopper mounts on the rails. The only permanent modification is to the baffle door where two holes are drilled 4 in. below existing holes in the side panels.

Fits 7700, 7720, and 8800 series combines. Sells for \$150 (Canadian).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ralph Parkinson, Rt. 2, Hillsburg, Ontario, Canada NOB 1Z0 (ph 519 855-4466).





Light Kits Made From Molded Plastic

A lot of new portable light kits for wagons and trailers have come on the market over the last few years, but these two offered by Argis Ltd., Listowel, Ontario, might be the slickest ones we've seen yet.

The bars are made from heavy-duty molded plastic. One bar has flashing yellow lights on the outside and a red light at the center (with red reflectors on either side). The red light glows like a tail light. If you have an older tractor without a built-in turn signal lever, a battery-operated control box is available that lets you activate the yellow

turn signal lights.

The other bar has red lights on the outside and a yellow light at center (also with red reflectors on either side). The yellow light constantly flashes as a caution light. The red lights glow like tail lights until you activate the tractor's or pickup's turn signal lever.

Each bar sells for \$125. Control box (optional) sells for \$125.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Argis Ltd., RR 3, Listowel, Ontario, Canada N4W 3G8 (ph 519 291-4205).



Heavy Duty Markers For Deere Drill

New replacement marker for Deere 750 notill drills has a larger, heavier notched disc that's designed to leave a better mark in reduced tillage.

Dawn Equipment Co., Sycamore, Ill., says the marker has a low-mounted arm brace that provides extra support. When folded, the marker is below cab height, which makes storage easier. The angle of the marker disc can be adjusted according to

field conditions. Comes complete with sequential valve, hydraulic cylinders, and hoses that run from the marker to the cylinders.

Markers for a 15-ft. drill sell for \$1,759. Markers for 20 and 30-ft. drills will be available by next spring.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dawn Equipment Co., Box 497, Sycamore, Ill. 60178 (ph 815 899-3296).

Box Lids For Deere, Kinze Planters

"Our new E-Z Slide seed box lids for Deere and Kinze planters fit onto existing boxes without any modification. They won't blow away when you're filling boxes and they eliminate the need to empty them out when folding a vertical fold planter," says Dale Opheim, Opheim Mfg., Graettinger, Iowa.

The new lid fits Deere 7000, 7100, 7200, and 7300 Deere models and all Kinze models. It fits over the lip already on the box and slides on or off like a cake pan lid.

The lids sell for \$16 apiece.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Opheim Mfg., Box 57, Graettinger, Iowa 51342 (ph 712 859-3241).

