



"Claw" loads itself for feeding.

EASILY HANDLES MISSHAPEN BALES

Big Bale Feeder Fits Any Front-End Loader

"It's the best bale handler ever built," says the inventor of the "Claw", a round bale feeder that attaches to front-end loaders, picking up and feeding out bales of any size and shape.

Tod Townsend, White Sulphur Springs, Mont., says the Claw works like a grapple fork, pivoting perpendicular to the ground to grab onto bales or picking them off trailers. To feed out you simply activate the feeding mechanism.

"The bale rests on four rollers driven by a hydraulic motor. Three of these rollers turn at slow speed, causing the bale to rotate while the fourth roller, fitted with sharp sickle section knives, turns at a faster speed that strips hay from the bale. Unlike bale feeders that support bales from the center, it will support a bale if it falls apart because it's supported from underneath. You control which direction the bale rotates from the tractor seat and you can unroll hay as thick or as thin as you like," says Townsend.

When you're not feeding bales, you can simply use the Claw as a bale handler to bring bales in from the field. One advantage of its design, according to Townsend, is that it doesn't tie up the rear of the tractor so you can pull a wagon with it for transporting bales. Attaching the Claw is no different than hooking up a front loader bucket. It's designed for a tractor hydraulic system with a 20 gpm, 2,500 psi capacity.

The Claw is fitted with two hydraulic motors. One is a high torque, low speed motor that drives three of the rollers and the other is a high speed motor for the 4th roller which peels off the hay. Speed can be modulated on both rollers to control amount of feeding. Unit will handle either soft or hard core bales.

The Claw sells for \$3,900. "If you



Bale unrolls "on the go".

already own a bale trailer, it'll give you a multiple bale handling and feeding system for a fraction of the cost of other systems on the market," points out Townsend.

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LAYS IT 2 TO 6 IN. DEEP FOR BETTER YIELDS

New-Style Knife Places Fertilizer In A Curtain

New for dry fertilizer placement is the "Davson Deep Placement Dry System," that puts dry fertilizer in a "curtain" 2 to 6 in. deep and 1½ in. wide.

"It's the only dry fertilizer knife of its kind," says Dave Long, the designer, of Davson, Inc., Coldwater, Ohio.

Long explains that putting fertilizer in a curtain helps increase crop yields by giving plant roots a steady supply of a fertilizer as they extend down into the soil.

Built especially for applying dry



Air-filled shoes keep you on top of muddy swamps.

EASY ACCESS TO "IMPOSSIBLE PLACES"

These Shoes Are Made For Walking — On Mud!

"They'll revolutionize duck hunting," predicts Frank Ruth, Kelso, Wash., of his amazing new mud-walking shoes.

"People who've tried them think they also might find favor with irrigation farmers, or with farmers who have to contend with flooded fields or muddy feedlots."

Ruth's Mud Lucks are made from pneumatic inner tubes about the size found on a big wheelbarrow. They're reinforced with two layers of nylon and measure 10 by 14 in. and weigh less than 4 lbs. each. They can be worn with most types of regular footwear, such as tennis shoes or knee-high rubber boots, and there is no right or left foot to worry about. Strapped to the tube is a wooden platform with adjustable fittings that adjust to any foot size.

"The tubes create a leveling action in that they distribute air pressure evenly at all times," explains Ruth. "In muddy shallows or marshland, there's no need to send a bird dog after fallen ducks. The hunter can walk or run over and pick them up himself."

Ruth cautions, however, that while



Mud Lucks fit any size foot.

you can buoyantly traipse over hip-deep mud and marshland with Mud Lucks, they're not for walking on deeper water: "The inflated tubes could suddenly head for the surface, turning the wearer upside down. My son flipped upside down in a pool of water because of the buoyancy of the boots and only saved himself by reaching up to remove them. We now equip them with quick release straps," Ruth points out.

The Mud Lucks sell for \$90 per pair.

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A 17-in. dia. couler mounts ahead of narrow profile knife.

planter and has an opening for applying anhydrous.

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