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Tractor Tire Handler Makes Covering Silos Easier

Dunville, Ontario dairy farmer Oscar Vander Heide was tired of the time and labor it took to handle tires he used to hold down the cover on his bunk silo.

So he came up with what he calls the Tire Rack, a three-pronged fork that fits on a front-end loader and holds 40 to 46 tires at once.

"I'd been laying those tires out by hand for nine years," he says. "I decided there had to be an easier way. I finally went to the shop and came up with something I could use."

Vander Heide made 10 different prototypes before settling on a final design. It worked so well neighbors and others who saw it wanted one, too. "People said I should patent it, so I did," he says. "I talked with a couple

of manufacturers about building and marketing them, but couldn't find anyone who was interested. I decided I could do it myself."

So now, when he's not tending to his 80 cows or producing crops, he's in his shop with his son making Tire Racks, which sell for \$749 (Canadian).

Vander Heide's Tire Rack fits quick tach brackets. "We can drive out onto the plastic, lower the rack, and back up to place the tires on it. The rack is designed so you can also use it to retrieve the tires."

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Rack can also be used to retrieve tires.



Glen Kesteloot used a new car axle and one front wheel to make this 3-wheeled cart which he uses to carry corral panels.

Corral Panel Cart

"We made this 3-wheeled cart to carry 10 16-ft. corral panels. We made it from a new car axle and one front wheel. For the hitch, I used 2 1/2-in. pipe squeezed into an oval egg shape. I just drop it over a 2-in. ball on an ATV or pull it by hand. The single caster wheel up front lets you turn around in narrow alleys. I use the panels to move cattle in and out of lots or barns."

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Single caster wheel up front lets him turn around in narrow alleys.

Fire fighting system consists of a pump, a motor to power it, 20 ft. of suction hose, 50 ft. of pressure discharge hose, and a 5-gal. tank of biodegradable FlameOut fire retardant. All these are mounted on a two-wheeled cart that makes it easy for one person to move it around.



Portable Fire Fighting System

If you've ever wondered whether the fire extinguishers you keep around your house and shop really provide enough protection, you might want to take a look at the new Fire Caddy.

This handy little fire fighting system is intended to fill the gap between a fire extinguisher and a fire truck. It consists of a pump, a motor to power it, 20 ft. of suction hose, 50 ft. of pressure discharge hose, and a 5-gal. tank of biodegradable FlameOut fire retardant. All these are mounted on a two-wheeled cart that makes it easy for one person to move it around. Fully loaded, the cart weighs less than 200 lbs. It measures 31 in. deep by 23 in. wide and 45 in. high.

The unit is available with either a Tecumseh Enduro 5 hp or a Honda 5.4 hp gas engine.

Initially, the Fire Caddy was developed for fighting oil field fires in western Canada. Recently, it's found a home on hundreds of farms and rural businesses. It can be used to fight fires in shops, around buildings, or in the field, and has also been used to soak areas to make a fire barrier before burning ditches.

While the Fire Caddy comes with 50 ft. of hose, the pressure hose reel will hold up to

100 ft. of "lay-flat" hose. The 20-ft. intake hose is non-collapsible and will pump from any body of water, whether it be a pond, stream or swimming pool. It can also be connected to an existing water supply.

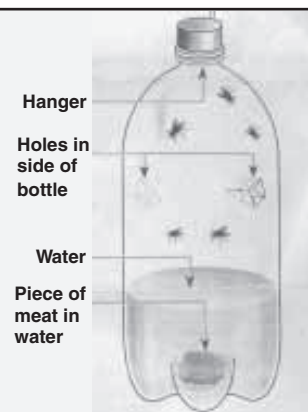
A selector on the unit allows you to inject from 0 to 6 percent FlameOut solution into the pressure water stream to increase the effectiveness of water.

In addition to fighting fires, Fire Caddy can also be used as a pressure washer, drainage pump, or a general purpose water pumping system.

There's a good chance owning a Fire Caddy could save 10 percent or more in fire insurance premiums, too.

Price is under \$5,000, plus shipping. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bruce Kopp, general manager, Fire Caddy USA, 5201 Washington St. N., Grand Forks, N. Dak. 58201 (ph 701 746-9601 or toll-free 866 347-3239; email: info@firecaddy.com); or Brian Fryk, chief operating officer, Just-In Case Fire Ltd., 3830 7th Street S.E., Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2G 2Y8 (ph 403 243-9728; toll-free 866 652-2339; email: info@justincasefire.com; website: www.justincasefire.com).

All you need to make this fly-killing trap is a 2-liter plastic pop bottle. Flies smell decomposing meat at bottom and crawl through openings in bottle in search of a meal. Once inside, the clear plastic bottle makes them continue to fly up and try to escape. The flies eventually tire, fall into the water and drown.



Marvin's Fly Killer

"A few years ago I started to see stories on jug-type fly traps that cost \$5 to \$10 each. I figured I could come up with my own design so I started experimenting in my yard. I ended up with a fly-killing trap that catches thousands of flies and works as well as anything on the market," says Marvin Snyder, Jr., Louisville, Ky.

All you need is a 2-liter plastic pop bottle. Cut two holes into either side of the bottle about 3/8 in. dia., halfway up from the bottom. Make the holes by cutting an "X" with a sharp knife and pushing the four triangle flaps to the inside of the bottle. The flaps will keep flies from finding their way out.

Fill the bottle 1/4 to 1/3 full of water and drop in a piece of meat. Chicken liver works best but any kind of meat will work.

Replace the bottle cap and tie a string around the neck of the bottle to hang it.

The rotten meat smell will attract flies, who will fly in and drown because they won't be able to find their way out. The fly trap will omit a strong odor so hang it away from the house. The water in the bottle should always be above the dead flies.

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