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3-Pt. Mounted Wire Fence Unroller

Handling large rolls of woven wire can be difficult and awkward. That's what prompted Ray Rodriguez, Rindge, N.H., to design a 3-pt. mounted woven wire unroller.

"It's unbelievable how easy it makes the job. One person can put up a woven wire fence in a fraction of the time it takes by hand and with much less effort," says Rodriguez. "It'll handle woven wire fence from 4 to 8 ft. tall."

The unroller is made from a piece of 2-in. dia. pipe and two round steel plates - one bolted down and one left free to turn with the wire as the tractor goes along. In places where the tractor can't go, you can easily pull the wire off the unroller by hand.

A crank-operated winch is used to tilt the spindle down to a horizontal position on the ground, making it easy to load the roll of fence onto the spindle. Then you crank the spindle back up into place.

A gear system under the bottom plate con-



Spindle drops down to load roll of wire.

trols the tension of the fence as it unrolls off the spindle. A brake locking system keeps the spindle from moving, allowing the fence to be stretched tight.

Sells for \$1,200 plus S&H.

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Heavy-duty plastic "Hay Hut" round bale feeder has 8 large openings, two on each side, with no bars or hoops for horses to get caught in.

New-Style Hay-Saving Plastic Feeder

The heavy-duty plastic "Hay Hut" bale feeder fits easily around the biggest round bales, keeping out of weather to reduce waste and labor. Company owner and Hay Hut designer Denis Thornton says the \$650 units can pay for themselves in only 6 to 7 months.

"One breeding farm has reduced its hay consumption from 150 rolls to 110 a year," says Thornton. "That equates to a savings of more than \$3,000 in hay, not to mention reduced labor."

Thornton and his wife Jean appreciate any reduction in hay cost and labor when it comes to the large Palomino Warmbloods they raise on their Florida farm. The Hay Hut design reflects their real "horse-world" experience. The 8 large (14 by 34-in.) openings, two on each side, provide horses easy access to hay while offering a reassuringly clear view of the area. There are no bars or hoops for horses to negotiate or get caught in, and the rolled edges prevent mane breakage. The multiple access points also prevent an "alpha" animal from dominating the hay supply.

The Thorntons also designed the Hay Hut to be people friendly. Once assembled, the

230-lb. unit can be pushed over on its side, a bale set in place, and the hut pushed back with ease.

"The 84-in. headroom lets you set a bale on top of a wood pallet with room to spare," says Thornton.

At 72 in. wide and 84 in. deep, the unit works equally well with two large square bales or more than 16 conventional squares.

"Just stack them and remove the strings once the Hay Hut is in place," says Thornton.

Available in forest green, white and black, Hay Huts are made to last. Rotational molding gives them integral strength, particularly in the corners and seams. While generally wind resistant, especially when containing hay, they are designed with a broad lower lip that can be ground anchored if needed. The polyethylene was selected for its ability to withstand weather in all climates.

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Red guide rope attaches to combine's unloading auger, making it easy to see where the combine should be positioned for loading into center of truck box.

Auger Guide Rope Makes Unloading Easier

"This fall, I installed a red guide rope on my combine's unloading auger. It helps my elderly dad see where the combine needs to be positioned to auger into the center of the truck box," says Roger Gutschmidt of Gackle, N. Dak.

The larger combines nowadays have such long unloading augers that there's quite a bit of distance between the spout and the truck, making it harder to judge, he says.

"The 10-ft. section of red nylon rope is held to the bottom of the unloading auger with a strong rare earth magnet so that it hangs down outside the truck box. That way it can be moved easily and will just pull off if the

rope were to become entangled or caught on something below," he explains. "I also put on a yellow flexible spout extension to direct the grain straight down."

Gutschmidt says that these extra features, although small and simple, have helped to streamline his harvesting and cost him very little. He purchased the rare earth magnet at his local hardware store for \$5 and the 13-in. "Poly Bucket Spout" (extension) came from a local supplier for \$200.

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A 48-in., 2-stage snowblower was adapted to fit a Ramrod 900 mini skid loader.

Snowblower Mounts On Mini Skid Loader

Eugene and Edward Kaban, Brandon, Man., wanted to use their Ramrod 900 mini skid loader - equipped with a stand-on platform on back - to power a snowblower.

They bought a 48-in., 2-stage snowblower that was originally designed to mount on front of a Turf Track garden tractor. The snowblower was originally belt-driven off the tractor's engine. They bought a Kohler 16 hp electric start engine at an auction and built a frame to mount the engine above the snowblower's gearbox, allowing the engine to belt-drive the snowblower.

They also extended the Kohler engine's throttle control cable to the back of the skid loader and raised the snowblower's chute adjustment rod so it can be reached from the back of the skid loader. They also live wired the Kohler electric start engine to the skid

loader's battery, so the operator can start the engine from the back of the machine.

"The add-on engine operates the snowblower without robbing any hydraulic power from the skid loader," says Eugene. "The new snowblower can handle any kind of snow, whether it's soft or hard-packed. We can blow snow as fast as we can drive the skid loader."

"We saved money because a new hydraulic-operated snowblower for the skid loader would have cost about \$4,200. We paid \$250 for the 2-stage snowblower and \$400 for the engine. Our total cost was well below \$1,000."

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