

Add-on outrigger slips onto either side of tractor for work on steep sidehills.



Adjustable height caster wheel mounts on a steel leg, which slides through a sleeve that attaches to tractor's front end.

Add-On Safety Attachments For Compact Tractors

When Ralph Thibault is working on steep sidehills, he doesn't worry about rolling his tractor. He has an outrigger he can slip into place, as needed, on either side of his tractor.

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He also has an anti-lift bar that keeps his 3-pt. hitch drawbar from accidentally lifting when towing a cart.

"I have a small 20-hp Massey Ferguson and I wanted more stability when I raise the loader on sidehills," he explains.

The outrigger consists of an adjustable height caster wheel on a leg that slides through a steel sleeve. The sleeve attaches to the tractor's front end.

Thibault fabricated the caster wheel leg from a 22-in. long piece of 2-in. square steel tubing. The sleeve it slides through is a 6-in. piece of 2 1/2-in. tubing mounted perpendicular to the end of a 44-in. long, 2 by 2-in. steel tube. This tube in turn slides through a 38-in. long, 2 1/2-in. steel tube or sleeve. Tabs welded to the sleeve are bolted to the front-end loader supports.

Holes drilled through the caster wheel leg at 3-in. intervals allow the height to be adjusted as needed.

After having his 3-pt. hitch drawbar rise up while pulling a loaded cart, Thibault added an anti-lift bar to the rear of his tractor. The bar consists of a 16-in. length of 2 by 2-in. angle iron on a 2-in, wide, 20-in, long steel strap. It rests on the 3-pt. lift arms in their lowered position. A 4 1/2-in. piece of 2-in. wide strap is welded to the center underside of the bar. It extends down to the upper link clevis. A 1-in. hole in the strap allows it to be pinned to the clevis. The pin holds the bar in place



Sleeve is mounted perpendicular to one end of a 44-in. long metal tube. Tabs welded to sleeve bolt onto front-end loader supports.





Anti-lift bar keeps 3-pt. drawbar from accidentally lifting when towing a cart.

should the lift arms attempt to rise.

"I welded two short lengths of pipe to either side of the hole for spacers," says Thibault. "They keep the bar from moving sideways."

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Sweet Corn Ice Cream Makes Its Debut

The first batches of sweet corn ice cream he produced did not please everyone but enough people like it that Dan Lang says he's going to keep on making it. The Lowell, Ohio, entrepreneur likes challenges, and some of his other specialty ice cream concoctions that seemed strange at first later attracted a following of fans.

Uncle Dan's Old Fashioned Ice Cream is made with all fresh ingredients in a very unique way.

"I make it with a 3 hp Deere hit and miss engine that drives two 5-gal. ice cream makers," Lang says.

Three years ago, he started making ice cream at events such as gas engine and tractor shows, fairs, Oktoberfest and town celebrations

When someone suggested he should make corn ice cream for the Sweet Corn Festival in Marietta, Ohio, he started experimenting with half batches. He came up with one recipe that uses whole kernels and another that uses grated corn. He added a butter flavor that becomes apparent if you eat a small dish of the ice cream.

Lang has had good luck with some of uncledansicecream@yahoo.com).



Dan Lang makes sweet corn ice cream, using a 3 hp Deere hit and miss engine that drives two 5-gal. ice cream makers.

his other concoctions: his black walnut ice cream for a black walnut festival is one of his best successes. Besides his standard vanilla, chocolate and butter pecan ice creams he follows the seasons and festivals with special varieties: strawberry, black raspberry, peach, peanut butter and pumpkin, for example.

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