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Drop-In Plow Wings Move More Snow

A pair of 2-ft. wing blades that drop into sockets welded to each end of his snow blade allow John Herren, Louisville, Ky., to plow more snow in a day.

"The wings mount on my Meyers 7-ft. snow blade, which I use to plow our church's parking lot. The wings allow the blade to reach its full snow-moving potential," says Herren.

The 8-in. high by 2-ft. long wings were made out of 8-in. channel iron and are tapered to a point in front. A 1-ft. length of 5-in. channel iron is welded to each wing and is fitted with a pair of 1 1/4-in. dia. steel pins spaced 8 in. apart. The pins fit into sockets welded onto the back side of the blade.

Herren removed a pair of skid shoes from



Wings drop into sockets welded to each end of snow blade.

the back side of the blade to make room for the sockets. The sockets are 5 in. long and have brackets welded to them that are welded onto the blade.

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Dairy Equipment For Smaller Herds

If you've got a few cows – or even just one or two – you'll like this Austrian dairy company that specializes in professional grade dairy equipment for small and midsize herds. The company's product line includes cream separators, butter churns, cheese processing equipment and small pasteurization kettles. All are high-quality, food-grade equipment.

"We offer a variety of sizes of equipment, but our smallest units are ideal for families with one or two cows," says Franz Janschitz, general manager. "They are fully automated, modern and easy to operate and clean."

Janschitz showcased his Austrian company's dairy equipment line to U.S. farmers at the recent World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. In North America, the equipment is distributed by The Coburn Company. While some of the equipment mentioned below is available on the Coburn website, others can be found on the Janschitz site with prices available upon request.

The cream separators range in size from 15 gal./hour to ten times that and from hand-powered to fully automatic. Coburn carries the electric-powered 15.8 gal./hour and larger units. Prices start at \$1,650.80.

The 3 butter churns vary in size from 1 gal. to 13 gal. of cream capacity. An outlet allows buttermilk to be drained away. An input valve lets cold water be introduced to "wash" the butter near completion. The 1-gal. capacity FJ10 churn is available in both hand crank and motorized versions. The churns start at \$2,111.45.

The FJ15 eco mini pasteurizer holds just under 4 gal., which Janschitz suggests is ideal for household use. A slightly larger FJ16 has automatic features that permit faster pasteurization.

"The small pasteurizers are ideal for small herds that need to treat colostrum prior to freezing for later use," says Janschitz.



Professional grade dairy equipment for small and midsize herds is available from Janschitz, an Austrian company.

Two larger pasteurizers serve double duty as processing kettles for soft cheese production. The FJ45 holds nearly 12 gal. of milk, and the FJ90 holds nearly 24 gal. Both offer automated, digital controls.

Larger cheese and yogurt processing kettles are also available, ranging up to 264-gal. capacity with varying levels of automation.

The company also offers a wide range of accessories and other supplies for milk handling and cheese making, from cheese presses to curd bags, rennet powder and cleaning equipment.

A cheese-making hobby set includes everything needed to process 2 1/2 gal. of milk into cheese. It includes a wooden cheese press, plastic cheese molds, covers and mat, thermometers, rennet, cheese and yogurt cultures, as well as instructions.

Contact the company directly for prices, shipping and availability.

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Truck Tops 1.2 Million Miles In 6 Years

Phil Marsella knows the road, and so does his Ford F-250. Since 2006, Marsella has logged more than 1.2 million miles in the same truck. No, that mileage isn't a misprint.

"The original engine gave out after 400,000 miles, so I had them put in another one just like it from a salvage yard," Marsella says. Turns out the replacement engine, which had 100,000 miles on it when he installed it, has been better than the original: it's logged 800,000 miles in 4 years.

Marsella credits the durability of his 2006 Ford truck to the regular service he gets from Buddy Hawkins at Total Tire in Palm City, Fla. Hawkins says Marsella usually gets the truck serviced every week. "He drives at least 6,000 to 7,000 miles in that time, so the truck is a regular visitor here," Hawkins says. "He gets weekly oil changes and I've also replaced clutches, alternators, the air conditioner pump and several sets of tires."

Hawkins had a "million mile celebration" for Marsella in October, 2010. At that time, he figured that Marsella had spent about \$67,000 on maintenance in just over four years. "He and the truck deserved a party," Hawkins says.

Although his service bills are significant, Marsella says he'll continue to drive the dependable Ford that he calls "Betsy". In the past year, he has logged an additional 200,000 miles, and continues wheeling.

The F250 is a standard cab model with a stick shift and a special air-conditioned topper in place of a box. Marsella uses the vehicle for transporting greyhound racing dogs. A dog breeder himself, Marsella moves the animals between buyers, sellers, adoption agencies, veterinarians and racetracks



Since 2006, Phil Marsella has put more than 1.2 million miles on his Ford F-250 pickup.



Pickup is regularly serviced by Buddy Hawkins and crew at Total Tire in Palm City, Fla.

throughout Florida, up and down the east coast and across the country to California. "Dogs can't drive, dogs can't fly, and they don't take the train," Marsella says, "so I'm the one who hauls them around the country. My Ford F250 is the perfect vehicle for the job, and I intend on driving it as long as I can."

Marsella is about half way to the all-time mileage record for a single vehicle. That mark of 2.8 million miles was achieved over 40 years.

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Now tool helps put boots on and take them off.

"Boot Tool" Works Like A Hand Extension

"I have a bad back, which made it hard to pull my boots on. So, I came up with a tool that hooks through the loops on my boots to help put them on. It's also used to take them off," says Douglas Laumbach, Galva, Iowa.

Made from 1/4-in. dia. steel, the Boot Tool measures 17 in. long and has a pair of Y-shaped forks at one end and a T-handle at the other. The forks are spaced 3 in. apart and equipped with 2-in. long right angle hooks that fit through the boot's loops. To take boots off, just lay the tool down on the floor with the points down and put one foot down on the handle, then slide your other foot between the points and pull your foot up out of the boot.

"It's like having a long hand with you all the time," says Laumbach. "Some boots have only one hook on back, and it works for them, too. It's especially useful for anyone with a

disability. I made it out of 1/4-in. steel so the hooks won't bend."

The Boot Tool has other uses, especially for truck drivers, says Laumbach. "One truck driver uses the tool to put his boots on without having to leave the driver's seat. He also uses it to reach back and grab objects off the sleeper bunk. Another driver uses the tool to pull a lever on his semi tractor to unhook a trailer to the truck's fifth wheel plate. You can also use the tool to scratch your back, and also as a self defense tool."

The Boot Tool can be painted any color. It sells for \$25 plus S&H.

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