



Pathway Grader comes with a unique hitch that applies down pressure in a way not available with 3-pt. mounted units.

4-Ft. Wide Grader Works Like A Full-Size Rig

The Pathway Grader costs less and works a narrower lane than a bigger grader, but delivers big grader performance. The heavy-duty frame and hardened cutting edges work up hard-packed surfaces and spread material evenly. The unique hitch offers down pressure not available with 3-pt. hitch units.

"We make a larger version called the Laneway Grader," explains Rick Hendrixx, HFL Fabricating. "When a Laneway customer bought a golf course, he needed a smaller version. We sell the Pathway mainly for parks and trails. Individuals and municipalities like it for dressing up bush trails for snowmobiles and ATV's, as well as for walking and biking trails."

Both the Laneway and the Pathway use a drawbar connection with an integrated hydraulic cylinder to raise and lower the front of the grader. When lowered, the cylinder leverages the weight of the tractor against the two front blades of the grader. This pushes the cutting blades into the work surface.

In addition to getting into smaller spaces, the 4-ft. wide, 10-ft. long Pathway requires less power to pull. It's designed for use with 25 to 50-hp tractors, UTV's and ATV's. Although the pitch is adjusted manually, the roll of the cutting blade is adjusted hydraulically.



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"If you don't have hydraulics on your ATV or UTV, the Pathway can be equipped with electric actuators," says Hendrixx. "While it was designed for 4-ft. paths, it can be used on wider lanes and drives. It simply takes multiple passes."

The Pathway Grader sells for \$3,700. HFL Fabricating has dealers in Ontario, but sells direct in other areas. Hendrixx says they are looking for distributors elsewhere in Canada and the U.S.

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"Pinch-A-Log" Firewood Handler

"Anyone can pick up firewood with ease using our new Pinch-A-Log firewood handler. It eliminates deep bending and makes moving, throwing or stacking firewood an easier job," says Daniel Considine of Rathdrum, Idaho.

The one-handed firewood gripper can handle wood from 6 to 26 in. and comes with a main carrying handle, a front "drive and release" handle, and 2 jaws. The carrying handle attaches to the main frame, which pivots to cause a closing action on the jaws.

To pick up wood, you hook the front jaw into the forward end of the log and then drive the rear jaw into the other end. The weight of the log creates the closing force to carry the log. To release the log you can use the forward handle or simply toss the wood by shifting the weight to the forward jaw, releasing the rear jaw.

"People are amazed at how well it works, saying the logs feel lighter. That's due to the weight distribution between the 2 jaws. You'll never have to deep bend and your hands don't get wet or dirty," says Considine. "You can easily move most firewood with just one hand."

The Pinch-A-Log sells for \$28.99 plus



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Roller-Spreader Packs Silage Evenly

This innovative silage spreader from Germany lets you fill a bunker silo evenly to keep air out and reduce spoilage.

The pto-driven Reck silage spreader consists of a rotating steel cylinder equipped with specially-designed, 13-in. long spreading paddles. The unit can be front or rear-mounted on a 3-pt. hitch and can swivel up to 20 degrees to either side, allowing you to spread silage all the way to the bunker wall for proper packing.

Two models are available. The MAGNA has an 8-ft. wide, 32-in. dia. cylinder and requires a tractor with 125 hp or more. The JUMBO has a 10-ft., 3-in. dia. width and a 37-in. dia. cylinder and requires a tractor with 150 hp.

"It throws silage out in front of you and leaves a nice, even layer that results in a

tighter silage pile with less spoilage," says Jeff Liner, Agromatic, Inc., Fond du Lac, Wis. "It does a better job than a push blade, which tends to roll and ball up the silage into uneven piles. We recommend using it mainly for haylage and longer stemmed silage, which are hard to spread evenly with a conventional blade.

"By swiveling the unit to either side, you can throw silage against the silo's walls and drive the tractor's tires against them to do a better job of packing."

The MAGNA sells for \$12,500 and the JUMBO for \$17,500.

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Filtered hose (No. 1) is used to suck rumen fluid from a healthy cow. A second hose is used to "drench" it into a sick cow.

Pumped Rumen Fluid Makes Sick Cows Healthy Again

A lot of time and money is spent treating sick dairy cows, often with less than desirable results. A new process that extracts rumen fluid from a healthy cow and then "drenches" it into the sick cow was on display at the recent World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. It promises to reduce the need for antibiotics and prevent milk contamination.

The entire process is called "transfaunation" and it requires pumping equipment to remove pure rumen fluid from a healthy herd mate to give to a sick cow.

The Rumen-Mate system comes with a 6 1/2-gal. plastic bucket with hand pump and a perforated rumen wand that's slipped down into the rumen with the cow's head restrained. A red mark on the hose indicates the distance between the cow's nose and the bottom of the rumen.

You push the hose in slightly past the red mark to ensure the hose goes well into the

rumen and then pump the fluid into the pail. Using the same bucket and pump, you insert a hose into the sick cow and pump the healthy rumen fluid into her.

The current standard procedure to accomplish this task involves removal of all rumen contents. These contents must then be processed to separate the rumen fluid from the feed particles, which is time consuming and detrimental to the donor cow.

The company offers a variety of Drench-Mate systems depending on herd size. The largest one comes with a 300-gal. tank and gas engine mounted on a trailer. It holds enough drench for 30 to 60 cows and can drench 2 cows at a time.

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