

Cinch Net® Slow Feeders Save Time, Improve Health, And Stop Waste

Owners Erin Olson and Kris Anderson started the business in Minnesota in 2009 after searching for ways to spend less time doing chores. “We thought it would be nice if there was a net for big round bales,” Olson says, since big bales reduce labor and are less expensive than buying hay in small bales. After not finding any nets on the market they made a couple. “It worked so well. There was no waste with a round bale, that’s hard to believe,” Olson says.

Veterinarians all across the USA recommend – and even prescribe – Cinch Nets to their customers. Many have reported that they see measureable health and behavioral improvements and that the Cinch Net may even prevent many of the most severe conditions, including heaves, insulin resistance, ulcers, colic, choking, and bad behaviors

brought on by boredom. “Our slow feeder hay nets and hay bale bags control the amount of hay your horse is able to consume at any one time so your horse grazes in a more natural way,” Anderson says.

This is the only net on the market that has been tested by a Major University College of Veterinarian Medicine, which confirmed that the Cinch Net immediately decreased hay waste from 57% to 6% and pays for itself in less than one month.

The Cinch Net slow feeder hay nets are designed for use with square bales, round bales, or even hay by the flake. The Cinch Net is quick to install and remove. No tools required, no heavy materials, and it’s portable. Custom netting is available.

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Having to pull hay through holes in net keeps horses eating more slowly.

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He Treats Well Water With Hydrogen Peroxide

Water has often been described as the most neglected ingredient for proper livestock nutrition, but that’s not true for pork producer Wayne Neuberger, Klemme, Iowa.

He installed a chlorinator on his well years ago that provides water for his hog buildings and home.

While the chlorine did the job on the water, Neuberger didn’t like the idea that you could smell and taste it in the water. Then he heard about a system that injects hydrogen peroxide into the water line.

“Peroxide can do everything chlorine can do when it comes to taking contaminants out of water,” he believes. “The big advantage we noticed right away is that it leaves no smell or taste in the water.”

Then he found another advantage.

“It wasn’t until after I’d switched to peroxide that I found what the chlorine had done to my well,” he says. “We’d been using chlorine tablets, dropping them into the well casing. Chlorine is highly corrosive and it actually ate through the steel casing. We had to pull the pump, re-drill the well and replace the casing. When we pulled the pump, it was encrusted in undissolved chlorine from the tablets.”

He says the cost was “significant.” He had the well deepened, but the water from the lower aquifer had a high sulfur content.

That showed him another advantage of hydrogen peroxide. “Peroxide immediately oxidizes the sulfur, so we have water that’s as clean, clear and odorless as fresh spring water. There’s also iron oxide in the water and while the peroxide can’t take it

out by itself without extra filtration, it keeps it in suspension so it doesn’t accumulate and plug waterers,” he says.

Neuberger says he’s run out of peroxide a couple of times. When that happens, the sulfur smell and taste show up in the water to remind him it’s time to get a new supply.

He says you don’t need to be a plumber or expert mechanic to install a hydrogen peroxide injection system. “All you need is a squeeze pump to inject it into the water and a wire from the well pump controller to the squeeze pump, so when the well pump comes on, the squeeze pump does, too.”

After that, he says, the big thing is calibrating the squeeze pump so the right amount of peroxide is injected into the water. Hydrogen peroxide test strips tell you the level you’re at. “Once you have it set, that’s all there is to it,” he says. “I haven’t touched the pump since then.”

Neuberger has found one more way to use peroxide for his hogs. “I add a little extra to the hog water through the medicator whenever I hear them coughing or suspect they might have a touch of a respiratory infection,” he says. “That almost always knocks it out and I seldom use any other medication.”

Compared to drugs, peroxide is considerably less expensive. And, while it costs less than a penny per pig more than chlorine for treating water, Neuberger says the fact that it’s noncorrosive and not apparent in the water makes it more desirable and probably more economical in the long run.

Neuberger says he uses Oxy Blast®, the brand of hydrogen peroxide sold by Essen-

tial Water Solutions, Inc. of Story City, Iowa. He uses a 15 gal. drum of the 34% Oxy Blast every couple of months, or about 90 gal. per year, for both his house and hog operation. Company president, Randy Navratil, says Oxy Blast is purer, more stable, and has a proprietary formula that plain hydrogen peroxide does not. It is available in 5, 15 and 55-gal. drums and 330-gal. totes. They also offer companion products to Oxy Blast for water that is hard, high in pH and in sodium.

Navratil reports that Oxy Blast is not only used for swine operations, but also poultry, beef, and dairy. There currently are hundreds of thousands of hogs, dairy cows, and feedlot cattle, and several million chickens, using Oxy Blast throughout over 6,000 Oxy Blast systems throughout the U.S. and Canada. Producers report that because the water and waterlines are cleaner, the animals also do better. The Oxy Blast system comes with a six-month buy-back guarantee on the metering pump.

Essential Water Solutions, Inc., has on staff a consulting vet, nutritionist, water physiologist, water and filtration expert to round out their services.

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