

**"HANDS-FREE" DESIGN  
LAYS CALF ON HER SIDE**

## "Swing-Down" Cradle For Working Calves

"My swing-down calf cradle makes calf handling easier and safer for both the calf and the cattleman," says Robin Selte, Vermillion, Alberta, inventor of a new calf cradle that places the calf on its side, leaving both your hands free to work on her.

The calf cradle has one solid side and one open side that's placed against a fence. The bottom of the cradle is hinged. As the calf walks into the cradle you push the closed side in to lock the calf into the "catch" frame that holds it around the neck. Then you pull the closed cradle and drop down, resting it on a tire on the ground.

"Other calf cradles allow the calf to struggle because its feet are against the floor. The calf thinks he can get away so he struggles and makes a lot of noise, creating stress on both animal and operator," says Selte. "The Calf Cradle doesn't have a floor so the calf stays still. The cradle can be easily opened and closed by one person. There are no swinging parts for feet or fingers to snag on. The only moving parts are the two hinges which can be bolted to a pair of boards, or to a floor."

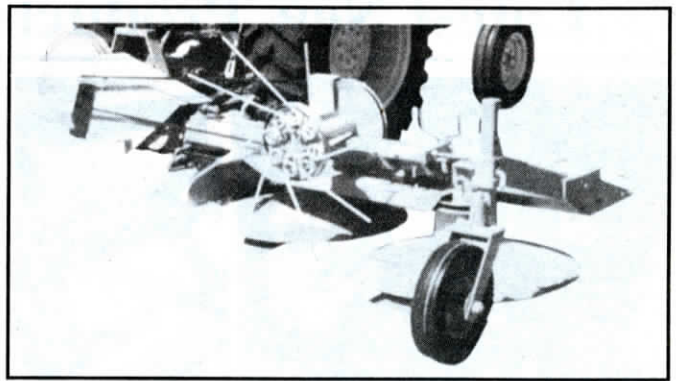
The steel cradle weighs about 100 lbs. It can be built with a right or left open side and is recommended for calves weighing from 100 to 500 lbs.

Sells for under \$500.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Robin Selte, Box 1708, Vermilion, Alberta, Canada T0B 4M0 (ph 403 745-2478).



Calf cradle mounts up against a solid wall (above). Once calf's inside, cradle drops flat to the ground (top).



The Reese mower is belt-driven and has no chains or gears, keeping maintenance to a minimum. Optional 8-finger attachment fluffs windrows.

### FLUFFS, SPREADS WINDROW TO SPEED HAY DRYING

## Drum Mower Features Spreading Attachment

"No other mower manufacturer in the world offers this unique feature for drum-type mowers," says Reese Manufacturing of its new optional eight-finger windrow spreading attachment that fluffs and scatters the freshly-mown crop to speed drying. It's belt driven and can be installed or removed in a matter of seconds.

The unique attachment heads a long list of exclusive features which has made the Reese mower the number one seller in New Zealand where it's sold under the name "UFO" and accounts for about 60% of the total crop mower market, according to Arran Restall, manager of the firm's recently-established North American marketing and parts center, headquartered in Louisville, Ky. "We hope to cut a similarly-wide popularity swath here in the U.S. and Canada," says Restall, who notes that "the trend in both New Zealand and Australia has

been from sickle to disc and now to drum type mowers, with our mower leading the parade."

The Reese drum mower is belt driven (one for each drum) and has no chains or gears, thus requiring very little maintenance. It's equipped with a simple height adjustment (from 1 to 4 in.), full length rotor skids which prevent scalping, stone guard protection and floating linkage to follow ground contours. "It'll mow up to 7.5 or more acres per hour, depending on conditions," says Restall.

Available in an 8 ft. wide model (\$4,300) and a 6 ft., 9-in. model (\$3,400). Add about \$500 for the optional windrow spreading attachment.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Reese Engineering Sales, 425 Hubbards Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40207 (ph 502 895-1676).

### ABSORBS UP TO 400 TIMES ITS OWN WEIGHT

## "Water Dog" Pulls Moisture Out Of Fuel

"It absorbs up to 400 times its own weight in water to help prevent fuel contamination, clogged filters, fuel line freeze-up, and tank rust," says Jim Graham about the new "Water Dog" distributed by Bosch Lights, Versailles, Ind.

The Water Dog is designed to absorb water that collects on the bottom of fuel tanks. It's filled with a super absorbent polymer specially formulated to absorb and separate water from gasoline, diesel, and home heating oil. The absorbent is contained in a rip-stop nylon bag inside a heavy gauge plastic sleeve. It's attached by a clip to the fuel cap chain and lowered into the fuel tank by a nylon retrieval cord.

"Moisture can corrode tanks, clog fuel filters, and cause freeze-up problems. It's an especially big problem with farm equipment that isn't in constant use. The Water Dog eliminates the need to drain or pump out water, and the need to use fuel line deicers," says Graham.

Models are available in several sizes. Water-holding capacity ranges from 5 oz. for small fuel tanks on onboard motors to 3 gal. for the largest storage tank model, which is the only model that's reusable.

The Water Dog cell swells as it absorbs



water so the diameter of the tank opening must be big enough to allow the expanded Water Dog to be removed when swollen to maximum size. The tank opening diameter must be 1 in. or more for the 5-oz. model and 6 in. or more for the 3-gal. model.

Prices range from \$6.54 for the smallest 5-oz. model to \$52.38 for the 3-gal. model, with a variety of other models available including a storage tank model designed for 300 or 500-gal. tanks and models for tractors, trucks, and combines.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bosch Lights, Rt. 1, Box 27, Versailles, Ind. 47042 (ph 812 689-5620).

### BLOODLESS METHOD SAVES TIME, CAUSES LESS STRESS

## "Instant" Calf Dehorner

"It's the fastest, most efficient and cleanest method ever developed for dehorning calves," says the manufacturer of the new cordless "Buddex" calf dehorner that lets you dehorn calves anywhere.

The first-of-its-kind, hand-held tool is designed to dehorn calves at a younger age before the horn bud erupts through the skin. By depressing the hot cutting tip on the horn bud and twisting for about 10 seconds, a narrow cauterized ring is cut around the base to cut off blood flow and prevent the horn from growing.

"It's a completely bloodless method that allows you to dehorn your calves at a younger age which causes less stress on the animal and permits dehorning when the calves are smaller and easier to handle. It works better than other electric dehorner because the hot wire ring burns less surface area resulting in less smoke and stink. There's no risk of electrocution and no electric cord to drag around. It works better than gougers and saws because it's faster and much easier to use and it minimizes risk of infection," says company spokesman Skip Stromberg.

The 5/8-in. dia. spring-loaded wire ring on the hot cutting tip instantly heats up to



Dehorner cuts off blood flow to horn bud, preventing growth. Heats instantly to 1,500° when activated.

1500° when pressed against the horn bud. When released, the tip cools down again.

The new dehorner can dehorn up to 15 calves on a single charge and comes with a recharger. A charging unit with a cigarette lighter adapter is also available.

Sells for \$174.50 in the U.S. and \$190 in Canada.

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