

Weed Badger: New Way To Weed Trees

Slickest machine we've seen for keeping fruit trees, orchards or vineyards free of weeds is the Weed Badger, introduced a year ago in FARM SHOW. Since our report, the machine has been sold throughout the U.S. and in four foreign countries.

The "business end" of the unique Weed Badger is a hydraulically-driven rotor that turns at 90 rpm's. The standard rotor attachment is 20 in. in dia. and has 10 heavy-duty, vertical-wound coil spring teeth bolted to it.

"It will work in areas no other high production machine will reach," says Jack Anderson, inventor-manufacturer. "Probably the most surprising feature is that, regardless of how heavy the stand of weeds, or the type of weeds, the rotor won't wrap or plug. What's more, it'll work in mud, rocks, heavy sod, and

most other extreme soil conditions.

"Action of the rotating tines provides near-perfect weed control in the rotor's path," explains Anderson. "We figure one pass with the Weed Badger is equivalent to 20 cultivations by ordinary means."

A sensor arm automatically retracts the rotor to clear each tree.

Anderson adds that the Weed Badger can also be used to cultivate under fence lines, in fence corners, and right up tight against farm buildings. The machine can be operated on either the right or left side of the tractor or skid steer loader. Average down-the-row working speed in trees is 1½ to 2 mph.

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Used Harvestores For Sale

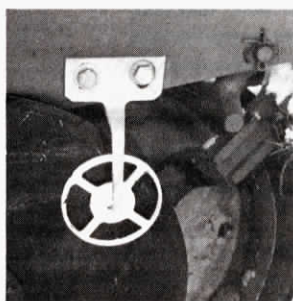
"Until FARM SHOW's report, we didn't realize there was that much interest in used Harvestores," reports Darrell Manley, who specializes in buying, selling and moving used Harvestore silos.

Manley, whose unique service was featured in our May-June issue, doesn't actually take title to the used Harvestores. He serves as a marketing agent similar to the way realtors function.

Manley, a former salesman for a silo dealer, maintains that "the cost of a used Harvestore will run roughly 50% of a new one, plus moving and re-erection."

His estimated price for a 20 by 80 used (white top) Harvestore is \$49,500. That price includes a 20 ft. rebuilt Goliath unloader, freight charges, take-down and re-erection, including gaskets, sealers, foundation and bolts, steel floor, and the necessary concrete and stones.

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Rotary Disc Scraper For Max-Emerge Planters

"They're selling like hotcakes, thanks to response from your FARM SHOW readers," reports Galen Bowerman, of Dawson, N. Dak., whose unique rotating disc scraper was first featured in our March-April issue.

"Our Max-Emerge scrapers have a single scraper wheel that bolts where Deere's own scraper would attach. They'll outlast Deere's heavy-duty optional scrapers. They don't wear a groove in the disc because they rotate. Deere actually knows as much as we do about them since they've bought a number of them," explains Bowerman.

"Stockstill" Device Immobilizes Livestock

"Interest has been tremendous. We've had dozens of demonstrations and are getting calls and letters each day from vets, college researchers, ranchers and virtually all segments of the livestock industry," reports Terry Gregson, head of Feenix International, North American distributor of the amazing Stockstill device for immobilizing livestock.

FARM SHOW (in our September-October issue) was the first farm magazine in North America to report on this electronic device which holds cattle, hogs or horses absolutely motionless for branding, dehorning, castration or other treatment. With less current than it takes to light the bulb on a small pencil-type flashlight, the device — which operates on only a 6 volt battery — can completely immobilize the biggest, meanest bull in a matter of seconds.

In its most common form of use, the Stockstill — which isn't much bigger than a hand-held, battery-operated lantern — is activated by positioning two electrodes, one in the skin under the base of the tail, and the other in the cheek or clamped in the side of the mouth. Once the electrodes are in place, and the unit switched on, the animal is completely immobilized. When switched off, the animal returns to a normal state almost immediately, according to Gregson.

"It's neither electrocution nor electric shock, he emphasizes. "The animal is in no way electrocuted. At maximum output, the current flow is about 1/5th that needed to light a pencil-type flashlight," says Gregson.

"It's for real — a fantastic new tool for handling livestock," says North Dakota cattleman Sebastian Reis, of Jamestown, first in North America to own and use the Stockstill device.

"I learned about it a year ago while on a trip to Australia. I was fortunate enough to get a machine to take along home. I've used it this past year to treat and handle several hundred cattle and a few horses. Believe me, it works," reports Sebastian, who has obtained marketing rights for four states and has an option in four others. His



son, Jeff, has also obtained marketing rights for four states, with an option on four others.

"It's really quite an amazing new tool for handling livestock," reports James Nelson, livestock specialist at the Dickinson, N. Dak., Research Station. James and his co-workers demonstrated the Stockstill at the Station's annual Research Roundup last month. It was used, as several hundred ranchers looked on, to immobilize several cows for dehorning, and several calves for castration. "I'd have to say we've been impressed by what we've seen so far, along with the ranchers who saw it for the first time," says James. "We first read about the Stockstill in FARM SHOW, then contacted Sebastian Reis at Jamestown, who loaned us a machine to experiment with. So far, it has lived up to all the claims made for it."

"Some skeptics have questioned the humane aspect of the device," says Reis. "But I'm convinced that, once they've used it, or had the chance to see it work, they'll see how it works to help rather than to hurt the animal. It opens the door to a new, painless way to brand, castrate or dehorn animals. What's more, an immobilized animal stands perfectly still, making it much easier to do critical work, such as injecting medication under the eyelids."

Distributors throughout the U.S. and Canada are introducing the Stockstill at an introductory price of \$1,250.

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Each scraper unit consists of a 3½ in. dia. wheel which is stamped out of steel and case hardened. Spring tension holds the scraper wheel tight against the disc so it turns as the disc turns. As the small scraper wheel wears thin, it can be taken out and a new one installed in a matter of minutes.

Bowerman also makes the

rotating disc scraper in pairs to fit grain drills. "Our scraper will outlast 3 to 4 conventional scrapers and allow you to plant in soil conditions too tough for regular scrapers to handle," says Bowerman.

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