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Lloyd Bauer built this 2,000-gal. spreader for only about \$2,000. It's lined with a spray-on "slippery" plastic that helps manure slide out freely.

First-Of-Its-Kind Dump-Style Manure Spreader

By Jim Houtsma, Associate Editor

When Lloyd Bauer's old slinger-style manure spreader wore out, he started looking at new ones but couldn't justify the \$12,000 to \$14,000 expense.

So the Ogdensburg, Wis., dairy farmer decided to build his own spreader. He came up with a totally new, dump-style design that he says works better and should last longer than any commercial model.

"I've already hauled 3,500 loads of both solid and liquid manure with it and there's no sign of rust or corrosion," Bauer says. "It works so well I decided to patent the design."

The 5-ft. wide by 12-ft. long, 5-ft. deep, steel spreader is lined with a special slippery plastic that was sprayed onto the inside surface of the 2,000-gal. tank by a local company. They first sandblasted and then primed the steel.

Bauer started with the chassis and running gear off an old manure spreader that

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Spreader raises straight up to vertical to completely empty out. Note home-built beater at bottom.

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