

# Reader Letters

Your "Smorgasbord" column about the Collmer brothers custom harvesting problems with their Gleaner N-7 combines in your last issue (Vol. 5, No. 6) should remind everyone that there are two sides to every issue. To put some balance into that one-sided article, here are some questions left unanswered: How much experience did these custom harvesters have with rotary machines? Did they attend any Gleaner customer service schools? Rotaries are a new ballgame compared to conventional machines. Who did the pre-delivery service and set-up on these N-7's? Many field problems can stem from improper set up. What kind of dealer follow-up and service did the Collmers receive? Did they make use of the Gleaner Caravan combine service offered to custom cutters over six mid-western states? How many satisfied Gleaner N-Series customers can you find? I personally know of many and would be happy to supply names and addresses for a future article. As to the Collmer's claim of having a list of unhappy N-Series owners, I suppose if I ran an add in a large farm publication like they did, calling for John Deere, Massey and IH customers with bad combine experiences, I could assemble a list on each company. Would that prove the companies involved manufacture a bad product?

Noel Wilson, machinery salesman  
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McPherson, Kan. 67460

I am writing regarding the article entitled, "Silage Additives: Could You Be Throwing Your Money Away?" which appeared on page six of the Vol. 5, No. 6, 1981 edition of your FARM SHOW publication.

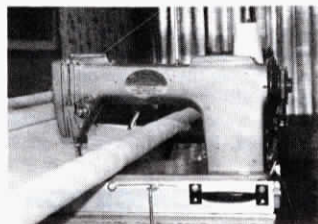
The two university researchers who have the most experience with additives and in particular inoculants are Dr. Keith Bolson (Kansas State) and Marshall McCullough (University of Georgia). One question I have yet to

resolve with Mr. Weinstock of Michigan Farmer is why he didn't contact these gentlemen before publishing his article?

You are correct in assuming that most additive manufacturers do not have research demonstrating product efficiency. However, you are incorrect in assuming that all silage additives are a waste of money. In an area as controversial as silage additives, I feel it is important to have the facts before passing public judgement.

Greg Dana  
Inoculants Product Manager  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.  
1206 Mulberry Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50308

We were glad to see a report on our quilt-making machine in your last issue (Vol. 5, No. 6). However, we felt the story was somewhat misleading to your readers. A-1 Sewing Machine is



the leader in building home quilting machines, and in helping people set up a profitable quilt-making business at home. We have more than 32 years of business experience.

We'd also like to make your readers aware of the fact that our machine is available with a new sewing machine head, or with a reconstructed industrial machine. The quilt machine consists of a table, rollers and sewing machine that allows the operator to sew together three layers of material up to 12 ft. wide into one big quilt. In two hours or less, the average operator can make a quilt that is comparable to most hand-made

quilts. Many of our customers tell us they're able to make \$10 an hour or more making quilts and selling them to family, friends, and neighbors.

Mike Bregin  
A-1 Sewing Machine  
908 N. Glenstone  
Springfield, Mo. 65802  
(ph 417 831-0033)

I think you got the photo of the Billy Watkins "Siamese" tractor wrong in your last issue, Vol. 5, No. 6. The plow is going the wrong way.

Russell Jacobson  
Lake Lillian, Minn.

**Editor's Note: You're right! We flipped the photo of Watkins' side-by-side tractor so it would be heading in the same direction as other tractors pictured in the story.**

Stories appearing in your magazine deserve more facts than you presented in your article, "Air System Replaces Bottom Silo Unloader". To cut up a Harvestore to adapt it to a Neuro system would make as much sense as cutting up a Cadillac car to make a manure spreader. It could be done, but why?

Tom Manning  
Harvestore Sales  
Dover, Minn.

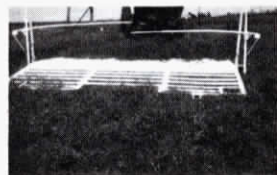
I have really enjoyed your FARM SHOW magazine. That is why I want a sample copy sent to several of my friends.

Gerald Brown  
Arcanun, Ohio

I would like to commend you on your articles on new equipment. FARM SHOW is the only farm paper in which I have seen anything about the Kinze Manufacturing Til-Plant system (Williamsburg, Iowa). Because of this I was able to get one of the limited production models.

Leon Duis  
Iuka, Ill.

## Automatic Farm Gates



"We had such good response that we've had to have more literature printed," explains Donald Wedekind, manufacturer of the automatic gates for farm vehicles and center pivots which we told you about in our March-April issue.

"I've been experimenting with various types of automatic gates for several years and feel that this design is one of the most dependable, lowest-priced automatic gates ever invented," says Wedekind.

As the center pivot or vehicle crosses the drive ramp, the spring-loaded crossbars raise up out of the way to let it pass. Cattle won't bother the center pivot gates since the crossbars are electrified. The vehicle gate is designed to replace conventional cattle guards. "With a cattle guard, you have to spend up to a day digging a pit and putting in a frame of some kind," Wedekind points out. "But our 12-ft. drive-over gate sets up in minutes and can be used anywhere, including feed yards, hog lots and pastures."

Prices for the 12-ft. vehicle gate, available for electric or non-electric fence, are \$189 and \$280, respectively. There are a variety of other sizes available, too. Wedekind sells his 5-ft. wide center pivot gates for \$40.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Wedekind Mfg., Route 1, Box 134, Lindsay, Neb. 68644 (ph 402 447-2700).

# Still More "Most Popular" Products

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## Volume 5, No. 3

- "WINGLESS" DISC FOLDS TO REAR FOR TRANSPORT - The Binkley Co., 100 Main St., Warrenton, Mo. 63383.
- 100 MPG CARBURETORS: DO THEY REALLY WORK?
- NEW "EASY SHIFT" FOR IH TRACTORS - Buckeye Tractor Co., 11313 Slabtown Road, Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830.
- "CADAVER CART" FOR MOVING DEAD SOWS - International Livestock Equipment Co., Fairfield, Iowa 52556.
- FLOATING STOCK TANK COVERS - Yardarm Sallmakers, Inc., Fred Benco, 925 Webster St., Needham, Mass. 02192.
- SLUDGE ELIMINATOR FOR MANURE PITS - K.C. Brokaw Co., 701 North Birch St., Monticello, Iowa 52310.
- LIVING IS EASY IN A LOG HOME - Raiph and Pat Watkins, Jordan, MN.
- REPAIR ANYTHING MADE OF ALUMINUM - Harold W. Hale, Alum-Nu, Norton, Kan. 87654.
- CAN YOU USE A USED HARVESTORE SILO? - Darrel J. Manley, D.J. Agri-Systems, Malone, N.Y. 12953.

## Volume 5, No. 4

- FIRST FOLDING 40-FT. HEADER - Greg Morris, 707 Polk, Hugoton, Kan. 67951.
- FIRST PROTOTYPE MICROWAVE DRYER - The Ken Bratney Co., 3100 101st St., Des Moines, Iowa 50322.
- KANSAS FARMER BUILDS SIAMESE COMBINE - Floyd Tuttle, Tribune, Kansas.
- ON-THE-GO MOISTURE TESTER FOR COMBINES - New Concept Mfg., P.O. Box 429, Sioux Rapids, Iowa 50583.

- OLD SCHOOLBUS MAKES "GREAT" SELF-PROPELLED SPRAYER - Chuck Pluhar, Box 345, Cohagen, Mont. 59322.
- NEW BRISTLE AUGER CATCHING ON FAST - Montgomery Bristle Auger, Inc., Box 9879, Kenton, Ohio 43326.
- GRAIN SAVER FOR COMBINES - John Eltoda and Son Mfg., Box 222, Calder, Sask, SOA OKO Canada.
- "LAZY SUSAN" FEEDER GOES AROUND THE SILO - Roto-Feeder, P.O. Box 27, Dowagiac, Mich. 49067.
- AIR SYSTEM REPLACES BOTTOM SILO UNLOADERS - Neuro Corp., 1201 Hawthorne Lane, West Chicago, Ill. 60185.

## Volume 5, No. 5

- KINZE UNVEILS NEW DOUBLE FRAME PLANTER - Kinze Mfg., Williamsburg, Iowa 52361.
- PLASTIC LINERS FOR LEAKING CISTERNS - Northern Fabricators, Box 265, Westhope, N.D. 58793.
- THEY'RE MILKING SHEEP! - R. J. Fullwood and Bland Ltd., Ellesmere, Shropshire, England SY129DG.
- GRAIN WEIGHER FITS ON COMBINE DISCHARGE AUGER - Viccon Ltd., Box 10, Lovetofts Drive, Ipswich, England IP15NS.
- CONVERT YOUR SILO BLOWER INTO AN AIR CONVEYOR - Mason City Silo Repair, Box 363, 109th St. N.E., Mason City, Iowa 50401.
- "HYBRIDIZED" TRACTOR RIDES ON HALF-TRACKS - Mike Pieper, Box 195-A, Wever, Iowa 52658.
- NEW PUSH-TYPE FIELD CULTIVATOR - Hart Mfg. Co., Box 124, Lee, Ill. 60530.
- KANSAS RANCH RAISES CAMELS - Ray O. Smith, Longford, Kansas.
- NEW RADIAL TRACTOR TIRES INTRODUCED - C. M. Carroll, Taurus International, Inc. 1550 Route 23, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

- "TWINE SAVER" LETS YOU RECYCLE TWINE - The Twine Saver Corp., Mary Ahlswede, President, Brussels, Wis. 54204.
- ELECTRONIC "STOCKSTILL" IMMOBILIZES LIVESTOCK - Fenix International, Moor Hatches, West Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

## Volume 5, No. 6

- SLICK WAY TO SWITCH TO NARROW ROWS - Ron McCleery, Spencer-ville Implements, Hwy. 117 West, Spencer-ville, Ohio 45887.
- FIRST "CORN ONLY" COMBINE - AVCO New Idea, Coldwater, Ohio 45828.
- SUPER-INSULATED HOUSE HEATS FOR UNDER \$100/YEAR - Office of Energy Conservation, Saskatchewan Mineral Resources, Toronto Dominion Bldg., Regina, Sask. Canada.
- SILAGE ADDITIVES: COULD YOU BE THROWING YOUR MONEY AWAY? - Silage Additives, c/o Michigan Farmer, 3303 West Saginaw St., Lansing, Mich. 48914.
- "FUEL SCROOGE" GETS 1,100 MILES PER GALLON - Shell Canada, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.
- NEW NINE CYLINDER COMBINE FROM CLAAS - Claas of America, Columbus, Ohio.
- NEW YETTER PLANTER RUNS LIKE A DEERE - Yetter Mfg., Colchester, Ill. 62326.
- THIS FARM'S "WATCH DOG" IS A 300-LB. LION - Fred Wroblewski, Northfield, MN 55057.
- "FIRST AND ONLY" TRIPLE TRACTOR HOOKUP - Charles Fairchild, Rochester, Ill.
- NORTH DAKOTA RANCHER SWAPS LAND FOR LEARNERS - Harley "Bud" Kisaner, Antler, N.D.
- THEY'RE GROWING THEIR OWN TRACTOR FUEL - Charley Foor and Gerald Dunaway, Cowden, Illinois.