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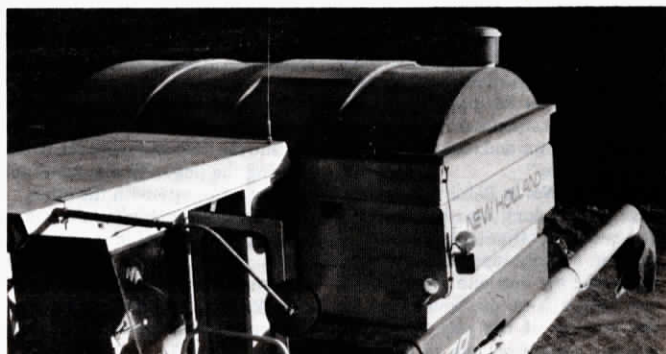
## Front-End Rock Box

"It's an uncomplicated idea but one that just about every farmer can use," says the manufacturer of a new dumping rock box for tractor front ends that doubles as a weightbox toolbox, or extra storage compartment for seed, fertilizer or other material.

You can fill the 4.2 cu. ft. box with rocks as you drive through the field, then dump the load quickly by pulling the lever mounted on the side. It'll operate by rope from the tractor seat since the box is spring-loaded and automatically returns to the upright position and locks. The box, made from 1/4-in. plate steel, will carry well over 200 lbs. of rocks.

The box sells for \$255 and fits most tractor models, according to the manufacturer.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Frey Manufacturing, Rt. 3, Listowel, Ontario, Canada N4W 3C8 (ph 519 291-4156).



Small door lets you take samples without removing entire cover.

## "Hopper Toppers" For Combine Grain Tanks

You won't have to worry about getting caught in the rain with a hopper full of grain if you equip your combine with the new "Hopper Topper" fiberglass cover just introduced by Minnesota farmer Allen Wold, of Roseau.

Along with bird and rain-proofing, the cover also helps prevent wind loss of light seeds, such as grass and flax seed.

Hopper Toppers attach to the combine with rubber tarp straps which stretch if the hopper is overfilled. They're designed to mount perma-

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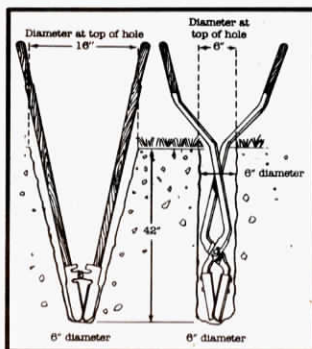
# Post Hole Digger "Does Job Right"

Just a slight change in the configuration of the handles of one of the oldest pieces of farm machinery — the post hole digger — has resulted in a handy new tool that can dig a 6-in. hole straight down to a depth of 42 in.

"We construct fence and found that even if we used an auger or other sophisticated equipment to dig holes, we always had to use a hand digger to start or finish the job. The problem was that there was no digger on the market that could dig a 6-in. hole past the depth of 24 in. Since most holes are dug 36 in., we had to widen out the top of the hole in order to clean it out," explains Scott Weiland, of "Can Do" Diggers, the manufacturer in Highland, Mich.

To solve the problem, the company made handles that cross in a "double crossover" design and will thus reach deep into a hole without exceeding a narrow 6-in. width.

Made of steel with wooden handles, the new heavy-duty professional digger weighs about 13 lbs. It sells for \$75. A lighter weight model,



"Can Do" digger, right, digs a 6 in. dia. hole all the way down, unlike the conventional digger, left.

with a reach of 40 in. and designed for "ordinary" use, sells for \$34.95, postpaid.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, "Can Do" Diggers, 750 N. Milford Road, Highland, Mich. 48031 (ph 313 887-7454).



The company will custom build diggers for deeper depths, if requested.

## High-Moisture Corn "Reconstituter"

"Most other commercial reconstituting systems sell for \$7,000 to \$8,000, yet don't do any better job

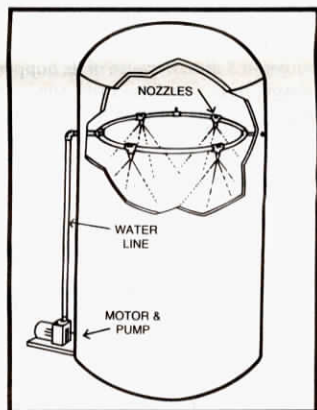
than this system which sells for less than \$2,000," says Mike Wortman of West Point Mfg., manufacturer of a new-style "reconstituter" for adding water to corn in oxygen-limiting silos to bring moisture up to optimum levels.

Wortman's system consists of a "water ring" that's about 2 ft. smaller in diameter than the silo. It mounts inside at the top and is connected by pipe to a booster pump at the base of the silo and a water meter that lets you add just the right amount of water.

"Four equally spaced nozzles on the ring create a fog inside the structure. Since corn only absorbs moisture through the tip, it's important to saturate the air inside the silo with moisture when adding it," explains Wortman. "Other methods use a complicated system of augers to mix and stir the grain while adding water. We feel they may not even do as good a job, yet cost a lot more."

The reconstituting system sells for about \$1,900.

For more information, contact:



Water ring inside silo near top saturates corn with moisture. Booster pump and water meter at base of silo supply exact amounts of water.

FARM SHOW Followup, Mike Wortman, West Point Mfg., 203 N. Mill St., West Point, Neb. 68788 (ph 402 372-5510).

nently, but will transfer to another same-make combine.

Wold currently has Hopper Toppers available for New Holland models 1500, TR-70 and TR-85 and for International models 914 and 915. He plans to have Toppers for other makes and models available in the near future.

A small auxiliary door is cut into the side of each Topper to permit easy grain sampling without removing the entire cover. Hopper loading and unloading is unaffected by the cover. The translucent fiberglass permits

light to penetrate so grain levels can be monitored while combining. The cover also works with grain bin extensions on the hopper, according to Wold.

"Most European combines already have hopper covers," notes Wold. "They're really popular for saving and protecting grain. Also, a few American manufacturers have tried metal covers. However, if they're damaged, they're nearly impossible to repair. With fiberglass, you just use

a simple fiberglass repair kit available at most auto and boat repair stores."

Cost of the Hopper Toppers is generally under \$500, FOB Roseau, Minn. For example, covers run \$250 for a NH 1500, \$350 for an IH 914 or 915, and \$450 for the NH TR-70 or TR-85 models.

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