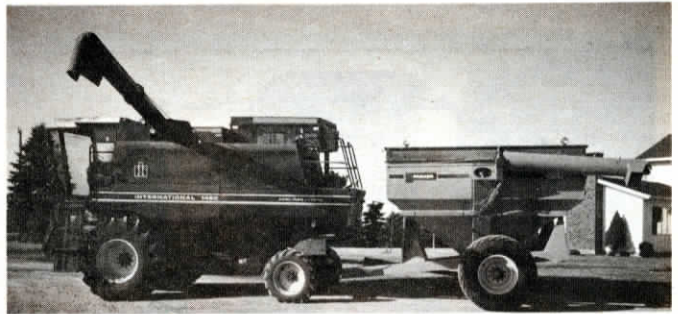


# Reader Letters



Since FARM SHOW's report on our new pto drive for Deere combines to power tag-along carts, we've now developed similar kits for 1460 IH and 1660 Case-IH combines. We'll also have kits for 1480 and 1680 Case-IH combines in the near future.

Tag-along carts provide more grain-carrying capacity so you can make full rounds without having to stop in the middle of the field to unload. Our pto kit is cheaper to install and maintain than hydraulic drives I've seen. On IH combines, power is taken from the counter shaft that drives the combine unload auger and the combine hy-

draulic pump. We manufacture a hub that fits between the combine unload auger pulley and the hydraulic pump. A pulley is then attached to the hub and power is transmitted by belt to a right angle gearbox on the rear and out at 1,000 rpm. The pto is operated from the cab with a switch that operates an electric cylinder to tighten belts with an idler arm and pulley.

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you become a member of the service, you can list equipment, livestock or commodities for sale. We launched the service on March 29, ahead of our original schedule.

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Thank you for your article on my Fake Owl which chases pest birds away (Vol. 11, No. 2). I must inform you, however, that there's a problem. While the article correctly reads that crows will attack the owl if placed in an open field (the owl is sometimes used in this manner as a hunting decoy), the cutline on the photo states that "flocks of birds" will attack the owl, which is not the case. It repels all pest birds, particularly around farmsteads and feedlots.

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I have developed a new Indian Pop Corn that pops really well. It has a good flavor, is very tender and has very few hulls. For anyone wanting a start of seed, I will send 200 seeds for \$1.

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I noted with interest a recent article in FARM SHOW concerning a sweet sorghum juice harvester invented by Robert Scott, Markato, Minn., that squeezes juice out of sorghum in the field. Mr. Scott says his is "the only machine of its kind". I'd like to inform you that in 1982, Mark Lamb, a graduate student at the University of Nebraska, designed, constructed, tested and utilized a similar machine that was also built around a forage harvester. Mr. Scott's machine is amazingly similar.

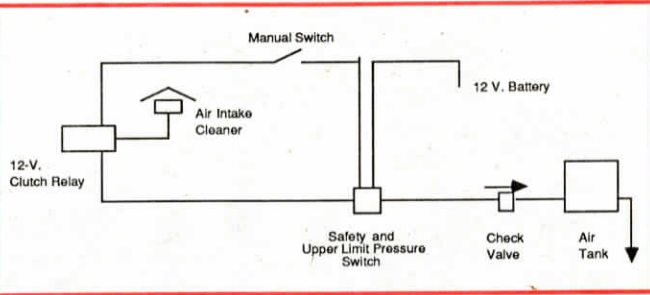
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I gang my 5100 International 21-run drill together with a Trunco 'sprocket' soil packer (Trunco Corp., Blenheim, Ont., Canada N4S 7V9). The packer pushes stones down into the ground ahead of the drill which eliminates the problem of picking up stones when harvesting beans in the fall. Doesn't

affect planting. I remove enough of the packer 'sprockets' so the drill tire marks are still visible for easier spraying later on.

Paul Frayne  
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Congratulations on ten years of interesting and informative reading. Here's an idea that readers might find helpful—using an automobile air conditioner compressor as an air supply for impact wrenches, air hammers, and to inflate tires and spray paint.

The electric clutch engages when a manual switch is closed to drive the compressor. A pressure limit switch opens the circuit when the upper pressure limit is reached. Volume is limited only by the reserve supply tank which can be located in the truck.

The compressor remains on the engine motor mountings. You need

to add: an intake air cleaner to the compressor; a manual switch; a pressure limiting switch for safety and to maintain a ready supply of air; and, a check valve in the line to hold air in the tank when the compressor's not operating.

This idea saves hauling another compressor unit and uses equipment that's already available. It doesn't operate continuously but does make for a ready air supply.

Bill Short,  
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Has anyone ever used a cement mixing "Ready Mix" type truck as a feed truck? I'm an ag student here in Texas and I've been looking at the idea. No modification would be needed to old used mixer trucks to convert from hauling concrete to mixing and feeding out silage or grain. It appears to me that such a truck would have more flexibility and maneuverability than standard hopper trucks, and could be considerably cheaper. With its big tumbling capability, it would probably do a better job. The only limitation I can see is that it would have to be loaded by silo chute or grain auger through the smaller opening at the rear.

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Thanks to the high response to your article on our sparrow trap (Vol. 11, No. 1), we have now launched a full-fledged business building and selling the traps. Although at first we only intended to build a few, demand is so strong we have now hired two retired men to help build them. My husband packs them up and I give them a final inspection before they leave our

building. Enclosed is a picture of my husband along with an assembled trap and boxes ready to ship.

Josephine Richardson  
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Thank you for your article (Vol. 10, No. 1) on DataQuest, our new "find it by phone" service for farmers looking for used equipment or other ag services. As a result of your FARM SHOW report, we've had hundreds of inquiries from throughout the U.S. and Canada, including Hawaii and Alaska. We've now decided to go nationwide with our service. Farmers simply call our toll-free number and operators search the listings. Once

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