

Reader Letters

I was interested in your story on the Farm Credit System (Vol. 10, No. 4). Not readily apparent in the overall FCS philosophy is the crux of the farm problem, and that is: Why is credit available for unlimited production of grain and unavailable for livestock? In spite of all that has been reported on the farm credit problem, there are few fields that weren't planted or, in many cases, even double-cropped this year. And yet there are thousands of acres of grass either grossly understocked or not stocked at all with livestock. Obtaining credit to fence, cross fence and stock this land is close to impossible. A great deal of the grain that is grown will be used to feed livestock that could and should be grazing this available forage.

Unless we can communicate to our financial institutions that it doesn't make sense to grow crops only to haul them to livestock, farm conditions will not improve. Continuing to pour capital into crops whether in the form of credit, subsidies, deficiency payments, set asides, ACR, market loans or whatever will only prolong and worsen the problem. The futility of growing high-priced grain to produce high-priced fat that just gets trimmed later at great expense is fast becoming apparent. Putting livestock back on many of our pastures would be a first step to solving many of our problems. Credit must be made available in order for this to happen.

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We'd like to tell FARM SHOW readers about the J.I. Case Collector's Association. The organization is just 1 year old but we already have members in all but eight of the fifty states, plus several foreign countries. We publish a quarterly magazine, Old Abe's News, which contains detailed information about vintage equipment, upcoming events, stories about tractor collections owned by members, and lots of other information of interest to Case collectors. Membership, which includes the magazine, costs \$15 a year.

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I'd like to congratulate FARM SHOW on recent articles concerning farmers and ranchers with handicaps and the equipment they've built to keep farming despite their disabilities. We'd like to tell readers about the Rural Rehabilitation Technologies project at the University of North Dakota. We've put together a free catalog for farmers and ranchers that details problem-solving ideas for handicapped farmers. It features detailed photos of each idea as well as descriptions and addresses so you can get more information. In addition, the catalog serves as a cleaning-house of information of all types to solve problems of the handicapped, from names of companies that make customized equipment to information

about associations around the country that help farmers cope with disabilities. We also have experts on call at our office to help answer questions by phone.

We're currently putting together an updated edition of our catalog. It's free to anyone who writes or calls.

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Many FARM SHOW readers may be interested in a free "How To" seminar on Saturday, December 6, 1986 in Aberdeen, S. Dak. The seminar will focus on "alternative energy" solutions to save money and help solve the farm crisis. Topics include "co-generation" techniques for generating your own electricity and heat, new ways to make your own alcohol fuel on the farm and methods for converting diesel engines to burn alcohol fuels, and how to set up fish farms on the farm that make use of alcohol fuel byproducts. We'll also present latest new information on the Fish carburetor, including our new dual bowl carburetor that burns a mixture of water and waste oil. It will also be a good time to talk to Fish carburetor experts for anyone who wonders if it will work on their engines.

The seminar starts at 1:00 p.m. and will run as long as necessary to answer all questions. It'll be held at Ackerman Welding Supply Co., Inc., 111 N. Roosevelt St., Aberdeen, S. Dak. It's located 1/2 mile north of Highway 12 at Roosevelt Road. Contact Brown Carburetor Co. for more information.

Jim Cofield
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I recently ordered a roller chain service tool from Scott Hasking Agency, Rt. 1, London, Ontario after reading about it in Vol. 9, No. 6 of FARM SHOW. The tool cost \$9.95. I told them I would send them more money to make up for the difference in U.S. and Canadian funds if they'd let me know the amount. I received the tool with a packing slip showing I owed a balance of \$1.05. I paid that amount but later received a bill from "American Customhouse Brokers" of Buffalo, N.Y. for 68 cents custom duty and a broker fee for \$7.50. I paid this on Sept. 20, 1986 but I was very unhappy about it. If this brokerage fee is based on a percentage basis I would hate to buy a \$1,000 article in Canada and then later find out I owed a broker fee of \$750. Canadian companies should disclose the full price of their merchandise when quoting price.

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You Asked For It

EDITOR'S NOTE: Looking for the manufacturer or marketer of a product you'd like to buy or get repaired? Or for an item you read about in a previous issue of FARM SHOW?

We'd be happy to do what we can to help. If we don't have the answers, we can probably put you in touch with someone who does.

Contact: Research Dept., FARM SHOW Magazine, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 612 469-5572).

What's the address of the European company that makes logs out of corn cobs? (Vincent Lee, Elsie, Neb. 69134).

The story first appeared in Vol. 7, No. 3. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Comdec, 9, Chemin de la Rente Giron, BP 569, 21015 Dijon, Cedex, France (ph 80 41 06 28). An Iowa farmer has purchased one of the machines (See Vol. 9, No. 6) that can make 150 15-lb. bricks per hour and is setting up distributorships. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Earl Witrock, Rt. 3, Box 7, Carroll, Iowa 51401 (ph 712 792-2663).

Does anyone make a silo blower attachment to fill silos with shell corn and grain? (Vernon Lewandowski, R.R. 3, Thorp, Wis. 54771).

Middle States Mfg. builds the Airhand, an enclosed blower with two fans for blowing grain into silos. It's available in 1,000 bu./hr. models. The blower can fill silos as tall as 90 ft. without damage to grain. The larger model sells for \$8,125, complete with pto shaft, electric motor and motor starter. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Middle State Mfg., 16th Ave. and 23rd St., Box 788, Columbus, Neb. 68601 (ph 800 228-8531; in Neb. and Canada call 402 564-1411). Olmstead Farm Supplies sells an add-on auger you can attach to the spout on your existing blower. It feeds grain in above the blower fan paddles to send grain up on the airstream. The Blower Mate has a 7-in. dia. hydraulically-driven feed-in auger and sells for \$2,100 (Canadian). Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Olmstead Farm Supplies, R.R. 5, Woodstock, Ont. N4S 7V9 (ph 519 537-6663).

I recently bought an old "Leader" tractor that I'd like to fix, but I can't find spare parts. The company was located in Chagrin, Ohio. I'd appreciate help from FARM SHOW readers in finding parts for this tractor. (J.E. Dinkins Jr., Rt. 4, Box 420, Yadkinville, N.C. 27055).

What's the name of the company that makes sidehill deflectors to mount over the chaffer sieve of combines? (Maurice De Boets, Box 12, St. Alphonse, Man.).

For more information on combine grain deflectors, which prevent grain loss when harvesting on sidehills, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Leland H. Harris & Sons, Rt. 1, Miami, Mo. 65344 (ph 816 529-3408).

We're looking for a low-horsepower forage harvester that'll cut corn into 6-in. or longer pieces which can then be run through a recutter at the silo? Can anyone help? (Daniel B. Stauffer, Rt. 1, Box 805, Port Trevorton, Penn. 17864).

Where can I find information on wool-less "hair" sheep? (E.S. Ulmer, P.O. Box 67, Tillman, S.C. 29943).

See FARM SHOW's Vol. 10, No. 4, or contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Clyde Burch, Bethel, Mo. 63434 (ph 816 284-6628).

Who makes the Planet Jr. garden tiller that used to be advertised in seed catalogs? Are they still available? (Eli Nissley, Rt. 2, Box 195, Paris, Tenn. 38242).

The garden tiller is now available from Powell Mfg. Co., P.O. Drawer 707, Bennettsville, S.C. 29512 (ph 803 479-6231).

Where can I buy V-belt stock to keep on hand to make exact-size replacement belts in emergencies rather than have to stock a whole array of finished belts? (Dave Johnson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.).

Contact: Borell Supply Co., 1850 North 25A, Piqua, Ohio 45356 (ph 513 773-5323). Individual links hook together, allowing you to make belts to whatever size is needed. Plastic material won't stretch or shrink, says man-

ufacturer, and you can run an idler pulley against back side. Works great for replacing belts on machinery that would have to be dismantled for installation of a conventional endless v-belt. Stock material sells for \$3.68 per ft. for 3/8-in. wide belting, and \$3.10 for 1/2-in. wide.

We're looking for a way to use excess heat from our hot water heater to help heat our farm home. Do you know of any company that makes an add-on system for this purpose? (Ron Adamson, Bowling Green, Ohio)

According to experts, 75% or more of the heat generated by a water heater is wasted. You can mount a radiator in the plenum of an oil or gas furnace and pipe water to it from the water heater, making use of the excess heat. FARM SHOW featured a kit invented by George Engel, Pawnee, Ill., in Vol. 10, No. 1. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dodd Design, Inc., Rt. 1, Box 16, Pawnee, Ill. 62558 (ph 217 625-2811). A North Carolina firm also makes an add-on system designed to pull heat off water heaters. Jim Whiting uses a "fan coil" to siphon off heat, channeling water through a heat exchanger and circulating hot air throughout the house with fans. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jim Whiting, Apollo Comfort Products, 3216 Wellington Ct., Suite D, Raleigh, N.C. 27615 (ph 919 872-1852).

Where can I order Sno-Caps that were featured in FARM SHOW? They fit over your head like a mini tractor cab. (Jack Spiking, 501 S. 3rd St., King City, Mo. 64463).

Sno-Caps were featured in Vol. 9, No. 1. They rest on your shoulders to provide complete protection for your head even during the worst blizzards. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Specialty Products Sales Inc., Box 503, Humeston, Iowa 50123 (ph 515 877-3141).

We're in the commercial hay business and would like to find a method to identify our hay, such as numbered paper "confetti", that we could add to each bale to identify it. Is there a machine that would automatically apply such confetti to the bales as they're formed, or some other such method for identifying hay bales? (Gerald Wood, 12011 W. Mt. Morris Road, Fushing, Mich. 48433)

Where can I get more information about the oil extractor for sunflower seeds that extracts fuel-grade oil for burning in tractors? (Marcel Mantei, Egeland, N. Dak. 58331).

Charles Bahm was featured in FARM SHOW's Vol. 5, No. 2 with his oilseed extractor. He uses the oil in diesel tractors. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Charles Bahm, Chuck's Farm Equipment, Box H, New Salem, N. Dak. 58563 (ph 701 843-7824).

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