

FOLDS TO 8 FT. FOR TRANSPORT

New Tailgate Auger Fits Most Trucks

There is a lot to like, including the price tag, about the new hydraulic truck tailgate auger introduced by Unverferth Mfg., Kalida, Ohio.

The "Tag 12" mounts on the tailgate of most any dump-type grain truck. Everything hangs on the outside of the box. The 6 in. dia. auger tube (12 ft. long) and inside drive shaft hinge in the middle and fold across the tailgate for transport when not in use. The unit folds up within the 8 ft. width of the box, leaving no ends sticking out. A nylon pull rope makes it easy to fold or unfold the auger for transport. Extra long nylon rope pulls on a common handle offer easy on-off remote control from the flexible spout hanging from the auger, making it easy to turn the auger on or off from the planter or drill boxes as you load in grain or fertilizer.

Capacity is rated at 15,000 lbs. of

fertilizer, or 500 bu. of grain per hour.

The unit can be assembled and disassembled in sections, making it easy for one man to mount or dismount it alone, the manufacturer points out. It's equipped with a bottom clean out trap which can be opened, allowing you to bypass the auger when gravity unloading grain or fertilizer out of the truck box.

The new Tag-12 operates off any truck hydraulic system with double lines. It can also be operated off most tractor hydraulic systems.

"Another outstanding feature is its price," the manufacturer points out. "It lists at \$555, which anybody who has shopped around for truck box augers lately will recognize as being very competitive".

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Auger and drive shaft hinge in middle and fold across tail gate for transport. Bottom cleanout allows auger to be by-passed when unloading grain or fertilizer out of truck box. Lists for \$555.

A 3-BEDROOM HOME FOR LESS THAN \$5,000

Build Yourself A Stone House

Here's a house you can build with a few hand tools, no building experience and about 18 pickup loads of your favorite rocks from your own farm.

Louis and Sharon Watson, Sweet, Idaho, have already done it. They built a 45 by 28 ft., 3-bedroom house for less than \$5,000 doing all of the work themselves over a 9 mo. period. They've put together a "how-to" book which details design of their house, the experience they gained in building it, and detailed construction tips for anyone interested in building their own stone house.

Watson says most people have mistaken ideas about building a stone house. "First of all, building with stone is not particularly heavy work. Our walls are 10 in. thick so most of the stones we used were the size of a football.

"Secondly, finding attractive rocks is no problem. We used ordinary rocks found in nearby fields for our house. We needed just 18 pickup loads, using mostly shale rocks.

"Thirdly, it doesn't take forever to build a stone house. We put up the walls in 2 months and the rest of the work — pouring the floor, putting up the roof and doing the finishing work — took 7 months. What's more, you don't have to be a skilled professional

to do good stone masonry work.

"Finally, a stone house is not a 'concrete icebox' in winter, or a 'stone oven' in summer like many people think. Temperature of the walls changes very slowly."

The Watsons began their house by first building the walls. "In selecting the stones, you should have a wide variety of sizes and they should be basically the same kind of rock. We didn't split rocks for our walls but you could do it," explains Watson.

The Watsons' house did not have a basement so they were able to pour a concrete floor. They waited until the walls were up because rocks were piled inside and could possibly have chipped the floor if it would have been poured first.

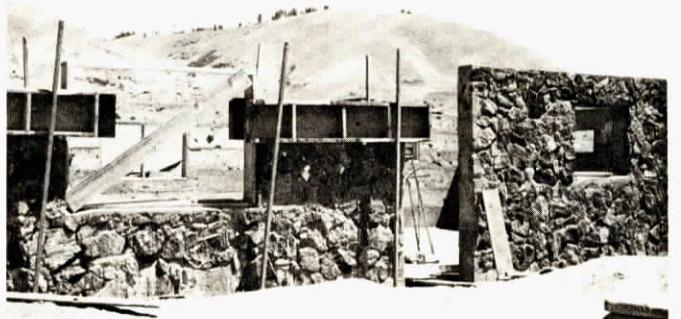
For the roof, the Watsons chose a common gable style for economy and strength, then covered it with galvanized metal.

The final step was the finishing work, which they also did themselves. Door and window frames had already been positioned and studded with nails while the walls were being poured. Individual rooms and inside walls were built as in a conventional house.

"There are a lot of ways to approach a house like this," says Watson, "but the key to the whole thing is



Louis and Sharon Watson used 18 pickup loads of rocks to build their 3-bedroom home, shown above.



Nail-studded window and door frames are set directly into walls as they're poured.

the stone. We minimized our costs by substituting stones for concrete wherever we could. We also saved about \$1,000 using used lumber, salvaged from an old house, for framing and for some finishing work." By the time they had finished the house, the Watsons figured it cost less than \$5,000 for materials.

Cost of the book they've written to detail their personal experience in building a stone house is \$6. It also lists other available do-it-yourself publications on building with stone.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Stone House Book, Louis and Sharon Watson, Box 890, Sweet, Idaho 83670.