

Editor's Notebook



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Our Tractor Giveaway

Every year for the past 10 years or so we've given readers a chance to win a restored antique tractor. The 2016 winner of a 1949 Farmall Cub was Ron Gallagher of Los Molinos, Calif. We had more than 100,000 entries so Ron was a very lucky man!



Ron Gallagher of Los Molinos, Calif., won the 1949 Farmall Cub we gave away earlier this year.

This year, we're giving away a 1950 Deere MT that

was restored by FARM SHOW reader Ed Landis, Abilene, Kan. The MT was introduced back in 1949 and was designed for row crop work, with rear wheels adjustable from 48 to 96 in. wide and a choice of two types of narrow front wheels - a single wheel or two wheels close together. Ed's tractor is the 2-wheel version.



We're giving away this 1950 Deere MT to a lucky FARM SHOW reader next spring.

If your subscription is up for renewal in the next 6 months, you'll get an entry form in the mail along with your renewal notice. If

you want to enter the tractor sweepstakes and you're not due for renewal anytime soon, just send us a letter with your name and address on it to: FARM SHOW Tractor Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044. Entries must be postmarked by April 30, 2017. No purchase necessary.



Tom Konz drives his 1967 Deere combine in parades, dispensing candy from the discharge auger for kids along the route.

"Candy Combine" Big Parade Hit

You've probably never seen a "parade combine" quite like the 1967 Deere combine driven by Tom Konz in parades last summer.

Instead of grain, Konz modified the combine to dispense candy to kids lined up along the parade route. They stand with their arms raised up as candy rains down on them from the combine's grain auger that extends out over the sidewalk.

The corn and soybean farmer from Kimball, Minn., bought the old combine specifically to enter in parades. Once he started preparing it for display, he got the idea of using the grain tank to distribute Tootsie Rolls and lollipops. He didn't have to modify the grain tank or auger.

He took the candy-spewing combine to a handful of parades last summer. He dispenses \$100 to \$130 of candy per parade.

Photo and story courtesy www.kare11.com

Bumper Crop Of Roundup Lawsuits

If you or someone you know has non-Hodgkins Lymphoma (NHL) and has been exposed to Roundup from Monsanto, hundreds of law firms are looking for you. Studies linking Roundup to an increase in NHL have resulted in a lot of lawsuits targeting Monsanto.

"We have about 800 cases in all," says a spokesman for The Miller Firm, LLC, which has been advertising recently in farm magazines. "Most cases are settled out of court."

According to the Miller representative, the lawsuits are now in the discovery phase. "We have several hundred thousand documents to go through," he says.

It is this phase where lawyers hope to find the smoking gun that says the defendant, in this case Monsanto, knew their product could cause problems.

The Miller firm isn't the only one planning lawsuits against Monsanto. A quick search via Google reveals a long list of firms claiming to be representing or seeking clients. Type in non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Roundup lawsuit, and you'll get more than 200,000 results.

The law firms are basing their claims on a 2015 report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization. It found glyphosate to be "probably carcinogenic". Monsanto denies there is any problem. A CBS news story updated in August 2016 quoted a Monsanto researcher as disagreeing with the IARC findings.

Dr. Donna Farmer was quoted in the story as saying, "I can tell you glyphosate is safe. The data that they looked at, they cherry picked it, and then they interpreted the studies completely different than the researcher who actually did the work."

Is there a downside to joining lawsuits like these? A report released by the Credit Union National Association, the trade association for state and federally chartered credit unions, identifies downsides to class action lawsuits. Author Darla Dernovsek pointed out that actual payouts are often small.

In some cases the people doing the suing can be counter-sued or held liable for costs. When a group of cattlemen sued beef packer IBP in the late 1990's, an appeals court assigned IBP's legal costs to the cattlemen when overturning a lower court's ruling.

Dernovsek advises making sure any materials you sign spell out your potential liability. If you're not sure, consult an attorney not involved in the case.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Miller Firm, LLC (ph 800 882-2525; roundupcompensation.com) or dozens of other firms now advertising for clients.

Liberty Quotes

"The peak of tolerance is most readily achieved by those who are not burdened by convictions." *Alexander Chase*
"You can't get rich in politics unless you're a crook." *Harry Truman*

"No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself and another to the multitude without finally getting bewildered as to which one is true." *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

"The measure of a man's character is what he would do if he knew that he would never be found out." *Thomas Babington Macaulay*

"The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom." *Justice William O. Douglas*

"A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both." *Dwight D. Eisenhower*

"A man should be upright, not be kept upright." *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*

"Once we start to worry too often and too deeply about what certain individuals and what certain groups think about us, then we might start selling our souls for the sake of expediency." *Otis Chandler*

"It is morally as bad not to care whether a thing is true or not, so long as it makes you feel good, as it is not to care how you got your money as long as you have it." *Edwin Way Teale*

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even if nobody is watching." *Jim Stovall*

"If you want to be free, there is but one way; it is to guarantee an equally full measure of liberty to all your neighbors. There is no other way." *Carl Schurz*

"If people are to be free in any meaningful sense of the word, that means they are at liberty to fowl up their lives as much as make something grand of them. That's the risk of liberty. Nobody wants others to screw up their lives, but each must be free to do so for themselves." *Joel Miller*

"Democracy is a process by which the people are free to choose the man who will get the blame." *Laurence J. Peter*

Great Christmas Gift Idea!

Many readers who gave FARM SHOW for Christmas last year wrote to tell us they've never given a gift which generated so much response from appreciative recipients. You can give bargain rate gift subscriptions to friends, relatives, and business associates. Each recipient will receive a year of FARM SHOW plus a copy of our new 168-page book "Farmers Nominate Best & Worst Buys". What's more, all gift recipients - as well as all active subscribers - receive free access to all 40 years of FARM SHOW at our website. Check out the order form enclosed with this issue or call us at 800-834-9665.



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Producing Milk Without Cows

Dairy cattle might feel a tinge of uneasiness these days because a California startup company has started making milk without the benefit of cows. Ryan Pandya and Perumai Gandhi are using genetically engineered yeasts "programmed" to produce proteins and other ingredients found in plants or animals on an industrial scale. "We're attempting to produce a product with all the nutritional benefits of cow's milk, but none of the compromises," says Pandya.

The company's manufacturing process is very intricate. It involves taking food grade yeast and adding DNA sequences developed using synthetic biology to produce the proteins found in milk. What emerges are four different caseins that produce 2 proteins that form the whey, along with lactoglobulin and lactalbumin. This mixture is placed in a fermentation tank with corn sugar and other nutrients. When that process is completed the proteins are harvested and added to water, minerals and other plant-based fats and sugars to make "milk" that's lactose-free.

The company, Perfect Day, is in discussions with at least 3 big dairy companies about partnering with them to produce non-cow milk. Soy milk and almond milk are cow milk substitutes that have already found a market. Perfect Day says its product will be much closer to the real thing and can be used for cheese, yogurts, ice cream and other products made from dairy milk. Perfect Day milk should reach store shelves in late 2017 (www.perfectdayfoods.com).

Ole and Lena went on a big game hunt with Lena's mother. One night in the jungle, Lena woke up to find her mother missing from the tent. Waking Ole, she insisted on them trying to find her.

Ole picked up his rifle, and headed out to look for her. In a clearing not far from camp, he came upon a chilling sight: his mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large male lion stood facing her with fangs bared.

Lena cried, "Ole, what are we going to do!"
"Nuttin'," said Ole. "Dat lion got hisself into dis mess. Let him get hisself out of it."

Little Ole was asking his father, "Dad, I read in a book dat in some parts ov Africa a man doesn't know his wife until dey get married."

"Son, dat's da way it happens in every country," said Ole.

Ole and Lena had been married for 25 years. One day, Lena asked Ole, "Why don't yew ever tell me yew love me, Ole?"

Ole replied, "Vell, I told yew 'I love yew' when ve vere married. If anything changes, I'll let yew know."

Ole was paid by the week and one Friday he approached his boss holding up his last paycheck. "Dis check is less dan we agreed on," he said.

"I know that Ole," the employer said. "But last week I accidentally overpaid you \$200 and you never said anything."

"Vell," said Ole, "I don't mind da occasional mistake but when it gets to be a habit, I feel I haf to call it to yur attention."