



Blower on top front of the Max-Pac machine keeps the long plastic bags inflated during filling.

LOW-COST SEALED STORAGE FOR HAYLAGE OR SILAGE

New "Silage Stuffer" Cuts Costs, Labor

You'll like the price tag on the new Max-Pac, an "affordable and portable" sealed storage machine for stuffing haylage or silage into giant plastic bags. It's priced at \$9,700, which reportedly is less than half the cost of competing machines now on the market.

Says Maynard Good, president of Agri-Marketing Development, Elkhart, Ind., manufacturer and distributor of the new entry into the field of sealed storage:

"A key feature of the Max-Pac is its simplicity. It does take two men to mount the plastic bag but, after that, one man does it all. The machine, only 8 ft. wide, hooks behind a tractor for towing to the work area. Once there, you simply start it up and start filling — no backstops, cables, relocating, or gearboxes, and no trial and error. Anyone who knows how to unload silage into a hopper can fill plastic bags with the Max-Pac. This is a hungry machine. It takes forage faster than a blower. A two-row chopper can't keep up."

Good notes that an exclusive feature of the Max-Pac is a blower that keeps the bag inflated during filling: "The machine moves silage into the inflated bag with a compressing process. It produces both a direct and a lateral thrust to give a complete, even pack inside the bag. Since there are no cables, there is no chaffing of the bag and no concern if the bag is not

perfectly straight. When the bag is full, you're all done. There is nothing in the machine to clean out. Just tie the bag.

"We've packed about one ton per foot of bag but moisture content will cause that to vary," Good points out. "This isn't as much as claims I've heard for other machines but, when a Max-Pac filled bag is opened, the feed stands in a good, vertical wall. We think our less-dense pack is an advantage. After all, feed packed as hard as concrete, that has to be hacked out with a loader or chain saw, does not make the best feed," explains Good.

The Max-Pac was used last fall to bag forage at a wide variety of moisture levels on area farms. "We are now evaluating storage quality of these feedstuffs and have been well pleased with every bag that has been opened," Good told FARM SHOW two weeks ago. A limited number of Max-Pac machines will be produced for the 1982 crop year. Their retail price (\$9,700) is FOB Elkhart. A 60 hp tractor handles the pto-driven Max-Pac, which was developed by Indiana dairyman Kenneth Weeber and his son Jim.

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Bags do not have to lay perfectly straight, or on level ground, to be filled with the Max-Pac.

Reader Letters

I like FARM SHOW very much but two months between issues is too long. I get disgusted waiting for the next issue. Then, I wonder if I received the last one. People who visit my place take them with them and then I don't have it anyway.

Seriously, I wish FARM SHOW would publish every month. Times are tough. We need all we can get of FARM SHOW's down to earth information on latest new products, and do-it-yourself ideas.

Frank Smith
Altona, Ill.

Enclosed find my check to renew FARM SHOW. Each issue is read fully from front to back by me and especially my 15 year old son. He was much taken with your article on best tractors of all time, and regularly will quote to me which were the best, and which I should buy.

Also of much interest is the section on "best and worst buys". I would like to see published a booklet containing a summary of owner comments on various lines of equipment, their weaknesses and good points. Such a booklet would be appreciated by those contemplating purchase of used machines. In financial times such as these, there are a good many of us who will go the used machinery route rather than buy new machinery.

W.H. Collins
Viola, Iowa

I enjoy reading FARM SHOW but would like to make a suggestion. Before running an article like the one about the Collmer Brothers and their N7 combines, it might be wise to get both sides of the story and run them side by side.

We have a small AC dealership with mostly small farmer customers. With the few complaints and warranty claims we have had, AC has been more than fair and has gone the extra mile in trying to keep them satisfied. It doesn't make sense to me that they would not do the same thing for big customers like the Collmer Brothers.

We are of the opinion that dealers are more important than brands when it

comes to getting good service out of equipment.

Eugene Meckley
Herndon, Penn.

My husband was very impressed with your sample copy of FARM SHOW. He told me to be sure not to throw it away. Since the issue arrived, he has read it and reread it many times.

Since he enjoys it so much, I'd like to ask a favor of FARM SHOW.

On Valentine's Day several years ago, we were engaged. It is a special day for us, so I always like to buy him a gift. I can't think of anything he would enjoy more than FARM SHOW. So, as a Valentine's Day gift to my beloved husband, I would be proud to give him a two year subscription. Enclosed is my check. Thank you ever so much.

Ian Janice Ziegler
Galesville, Wis.

I want to thank FARM SHOW for the excellent story on our Red Waddle hogs. The first 7 hogs that left Texas, as a result of your story, went to Minnesota, with the highest priced one selling for \$2,500. Have a pair going into Canada for \$5,000. I'm booked into November, 1983.

We have signed up buyers from 33 states and two foreign countries. A TV station wants us on as soon as possible. Other magazines want to run the story. At the rate this is going, I believe in three years' time that Red Waddles will be the most wanted hogs in the country. They advertise themselves.

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I appreciate your frank and interesting magazine. Thoroughly enjoy it. The last issue (Vol. 6, No. 1) was very good, especially the story on "Best and Worst" pickups.

Detroit engineering needs to wake up on engine design and economy of fuel. Many farmer friends of mine have put Deutz and Japanese diesels (6 cyl.) into their pickups and have generally doubled mileage.

J. Leonard Buchholz
Coal Valley, Ill.

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1979 — All 6 issues still available except one (Vol. 3, No. 5).

1980 — All 6 issues still available except one (Vol. 4, No. 6).

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