

Reader Letters

Your magazine is just great. Don't change it a bit. In comparison to most magazines, it is like a breath of fresh air. Our thanks.

David Maynard
Elk Point, S. Dak.

I have been looking for a magazine like FARM SHOW all my life. As an inventor and experimenter for over 60 years, I have subscribed to every scientific and mechanical magazine on the market — from Smithsonian on down — and am tired of searching through hundreds of pages of advertising to find a good invention story. FARM SHOW is an inspiration to every inventor.

George Van Horn
Ehrenberg, Ariz.

My husband really enjoys your magazine. I should be very jealous because he doesn't have time to talk to me when a copy is by his plate at mealtime. He had to have all the back issues. Complains he doesn't have time to read all the articles. Each issue will be saved for winter reading and future reference.

Mrs. George Breck
Otsego, Mich.

We have been sent a photocopy of a story from FARM SHOW dated January, 1979, and entitled, "One Blower Does It All", sub-titled "New Air System Loads, Unloads Silos".

Quoting from paragraph 3 — "Howard Harvestore in England reportedly has purchased about 40 of the revolutionary air systems for loading silage in and out of Harvestores". The air system mentioned is that produced by the

Neuero Corporation, of West Germany.

We would like to clarify this misstatement.

Neuero approached us recently with a view to marketing their loading, unloading system in our well-known Harvestore structures. We rejected their proposition as we were not prepared to sacrifice the well-established advantages of the bottom unloading, oxygen limiting, breather bag principle incorporated in the Harvestore system.

We deny categorically that not only have we not bought 40, we have not bought one of these pneumatic unloaders.

The Neuero machine is simply another type of top loader/unloader and, because of this, the in-store and feeding period losses are increased due to the introduction of high volumes of air.

The only situation where this type of mechanism can be considered useful is on farms where lack of tractor power means that precision chopping is not possible. But both in Europe and the U.S.A. the advantages of precision chopping are well documented and, therefore, we recommend precision chopping, wilting, and storing in an oxygen-limiting Harvestore system."

J. M. Valdes-Scott
Marketing Manager
Howard Harvestore Ltd.
Eye Suffolk, England

You have a very good magazine. I purchased a hydraulic Hydrasaw from England which I first read about in FARM SHOW. It works very good.

E. J. Yuhaz
Jarrettsville, Md.

I would like some information on mixing oil with diesel fuel. About 40 years ago, a relative of mine worked at a saw mill. The mill was run by a diesel engine. One day, they ran out of fuel and couldn't get to an area where there was more diesel fuel available. I'm told they mixed 50 gallons of motor oil with 5 gallons of kerosene or gasoline and ran the diesel engine on that. I don't recall for sure if it was gasoline or kerosene that they used. However, I believe it probably was kerosene because gasoline would pre-ignite in a diesel engine.

Could someone tell me if this mixture would burn in a diesel engine, give the same power and not damage the engine? It seems that it should work since they all come out of the same barrel of oil. I have read where farmers used waste crankcase oil in a 1:3 or 2:3 ratio to diesel fuel to stretch the fuel. They had to change the fuel filter more often because of metal debris in the burned oil. I would appreciate hearing from anyone that may have some experience and recommendations to make regarding mixing new or used oil with diesel fuel to help stretch the supply.

Ernest Webster, Jr.
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I wonder if you have ever heard of a water-softening device that you clamp on a water pipe. It is magnetic and supposedly attracts minerals in the water and charges them so that your water is softer. It supposedly eliminates all problems with iron deposits, ring around the tub, etc.

J. B.
Pontiac, Ill.

EDITORS NOTE: Minnesota's Attorney General recently issued a warning on a device similar to the one

described in this reader's letter. The report advised that the device has not lived up to claims made for it by the manufacturer.

I have just received my third copy of FARM SHOW. I have never read a publication with as much interesting information on all the different aspects of farming. The "made it myself" feature is A-1, and "farmers nominate best and worst buys" tells it like it is.

One of my best buys is a White 700, 4 wheel drive tractor with a loader and 7 ft. bucket.

John Dahmer
Tiverton, Ont., Canada

I would like information on how to run diesel tractors on natural gas. I dug my own gas well recently and would like to run the tractor on gas, and would like to get ideas on the best setup for making my own electricity from the gas well.

Aaron Leid
Shebby, Okl.

Don't Miss A Single Issue

Many new subscribers have asked if they can obtain back issues of FARM SHOW. The answer is yes.

We have a limited supply and are offering them on a first come, first served basis. Complete sets of all six FARM SHOW issues published in 1978 are currently available, plus the last four issues published in 1977. We no longer have extra copies of our first two issues for 1977 (Vol. 1, No. 1, and Vol. 1, No. 2).

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