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Tool Tightens Up Barbed Wire Fence

Here's a fast and easy way to keep barbed wire fence lines tight.

The Wire Tight fence tightener consists of a 17-in. long, hinged metal tool with 2 handles, one slightly longer than the other. Both halves are fitted with rows of interlocking teeth.

The operator spreads the 2 halves apart so the 2 sets of teeth form a "jaw" over the wire. He pushes the top half of the tool down through the bottom half to crimp the wire, then raises it back up to release the wire.

"The Wire Tight weighs only about 3 lbs., which makes it easy to use. It works fast — you can tighten a fence line in minutes," says Micki Rychucky. "It takes up to 6 in. of slack with every 'bite', which is why it works without breaking your old wire. You can crimp a piece of wire multiple times without breaking it."

The Wire Tight sells for \$39.95 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Micki Rychucky (ph 303 915-9092; Micki@cowcreekranthouse.com; www.radiatorgenie.com).



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Overhead Garage Doors Fold Accordion-Style On Carport

Orvil Krueger, Marion, Wis., has a 30-ft. wide carport attached to his house. To keep snow from drifting inside it he attached a bunch of used overhead garage doors together across the front side of the carport. The doors are mounted vertically and hang from an old barn door track, which Krueger bolted to an H-beam frame that runs across the carport's ceiling. The doors are hinged together in such a way that they open and close accordion-style.

"I just grab the end door and push the doors together toward one end of the carport. It leaves about a 25-ft. wide opening," says Krueger. "A friend gave me the doors. They're 9 ft. high but my carport only has 7 ft. of clearance so I cut 2 ft. out of each door

to get the right length. Then I reattached the door's hinged end. The doors' rollers are attached to I-hooks on trolleys that run inside the door track."

To keep the wind from swinging the doors around too much, he closed all the doors and marked where each roller would have been if the door had been used normally. Then he drilled holes in the carport's cement floor and dropped a metal rod down into each hole. "I pour windshield washer fluid into each hole in order to keep any water that might get in it from freezing," notes Krueger.

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Lightweight steel sled hooks up behind any 4-wheeler and is designed to carry a round, 3-section plastic mineral tub. Tub bolts to a metal ring welded onto a pair of skis.

Mineral Feeder "Sled" For Pastured Cattle

Raising grass-fed beef on a rotational grazing system is growing in popularity, but moving mineral feeders between pastures can be a challenge. Most feeders are too heavy to lift into the back of a pickup, and using a loader tractor to move them around is time consuming.

Kevin Kulzer decided there had to be a better way, so he came up with a lightweight steel sled that hooks up behind any 4-wheeler. The sled is designed to carry a round, 3-section plastic mineral tub. The tub bolts to a metal ring that's welded onto a pair of metal skis. A 3-in. metal ring attached to a tow chain slips over the 4-wheeler's ball hitch.

Customers can buy the sled either with or without the tub.

"It's a simple, strong, lightweight sled that makes it easy to move mineral feeders between pastures," says Kulzer. "It's safe to use and cattle friendly, and with the skis it'll easily slide over all kinds of terrain. Tubs are widely available at farm supply stores. If you



A 3-in. dia. metal ring attached to a tow chain slips over 4-wheeler's ball hitch.

already have a tub or want to buy your own, just drill holes in the rim and use 5/16-in. bolts to secure it. The skis are made from 3/16-in. thick metal and the ring from 1/4-in. thick metal so it's built to last."

The sled sells for \$100 plus S&H; the sled-tub combo for \$235 plus S&H.

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