

Editor's Notebook



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Farm Progress Show News

As we finished up this issue, Contributing Editor Jim Ruen returned from this year's Farm Progress Show in Boone, Iowa. Here are a few things that caught his eye:

ATV "Stalk Stompers" - "A stalk punctured one of my ATV tires so I made a bar to mount our Stalk Stompers on my Gator. Haven't had a problem since," says Gene Shoup at NDY Mfg. While the company doesn't sell the mini toolbar for 4-wheelers, it does sell the Stompers and mounting brackets. (www.ndymfg.com; ph 815 426-2330)



Loader-Mounted, Self-Loading Bale Spreader - Designed for loaders and skid steers, the Top-Spread from Art's Way is fitted with front forks that let you scoop up a big bale and spread it, all without getting off the tractor seat. Requires 20 gpm hydraulic flow. Handles big round or square bales and will fling straw or hay out up to 40 ft. Fits in a pickup bed for transport. (www.artsway-ag.com; ph 712 864-3131)



AGCO Introduces Fendt Combine - The eye-catching new black and gray combine from Fendt made its debut at the show. It's loaded with high-tech features, including real time visualization of crop flow and a system of sensors that adjusts harvesting parameters on-the-go,



compensating for crop density, slope, and much more. A single gearbox drives the extra-long rotors, cleaning system, hydraulic pumps and even the header, reducing the number of belts on the machine. (www.agcocorp.com; ph 770 813-9200)



"Baled" Car Grabs Attention - A crushed car wrapped in baler twine and sitting next to a new Massey Ferguson 2370 high-density square baler drew attention to the fact that the plunger on the baler applies more force than a car crusher. But at first glance it looked like the crushed car came out of the baler. With 170,855 psi per stroke (versus 159,000 psi for a car crusher), the new baler is designed to compact hard-to-bale crop residue. (www.agcocorp.com; ph 770 813-9200)

Compact Mower For Compact Tractors - Rhino's new tractor mower cuts a 10-ft. swath but folds to less than 8 ft. for transport and requires as little as 25 pto hp, but can handle up to 60 hp. It's built rugged with 1/2-in. thick blades. Cutting height adjusts hydraulically from 1 to 15 in. The tri-deck mower will easily cut 4 acres per hour. (www.rhinoag.com; ph 217 784-4261)



First 5 SP Round Balers Now For Sale - Vermeer announced at the show that it has made 5 of their new ZR5 self-propelled, zero-turn balers available for sale this fall. Introduced last year, the ZR5 is designed to pay for itself in increased maneuverability and speed. (www.vermeer.com; ph 641 621-8629)



The field on the left, which was planted the first day, is a uniform dark color. The field on the right was planted on the second day. It has alternating light and dark 12-row strips and is 8 to 12 in. shorter than the solid-colored field on the left.

Mystery Soybean Crop

Frank Baumgartner, who farms near Princeton, N.C., recently called FARM SHOW to report a strange pattern he noticed this summer in a 32-acre field of soybeans. Photos taken with a drone by his grandson show marked differences in the crop's color and height, which neither he nor anyone else can explain.

"I've farmed all my life but have never had anything like this happen before," says Baumgartner.

He planted 12 acres of beans one day last spring and then had to quit because of rain. Two days later he planted the remaining 20 acres.

"I used the same IH 12-row, 20-in. planter on both days," says Baumgartner. "In the part of the field that I planted the first day, the beans are a uniform dark green color. However, where I planted the second day, the beans alternate 12 rows dark green and 12 rows light green.

"The difference in color shows up only on that second day of planting, and you can see it both from the ground and the air. It looks like I changed varieties, but I used the same bean variety on the entire field.

"What's more, the field planted on the first day is 8 to 12 in. taller than the striped field."

Baumgartner says he did all the planting and other field work by himself, with no hired help. He used the same burn-down and pre-emergent herbicides, and the same insecticides, on the entire field.

"I can't explain it, and neither can my county agent or other farmers in our area," says Baumgartner. "I plan to yield check the different parts of the field this fall. I'd like to know if anyone can explain what might have happened."

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"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming . . . if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat." *Theodore Roosevelt*

Liberty Quotes

"To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men." *Mahatma Gandhi*

"Be convinced that to be happy means to be free and that to be free means to be brave. Therefore do not take lightly the perils of war." *Thucydides*

"The strongest passions and most dangerous weaknesses of the human breast - ambition, avarice, vanity, the vena lora of fame - are all in conspiracy against the desire and duty of peace." *James Madison*

"Forgiving releases you from the punishment of a self-made prison where you are both the inmate and the jailer." *Howard Martin*

"It is indeed probable that more harm and misery have been caused by men determined to use coercion to stamp out a moral evil than by men intent on doing evil." *Friedrich August von Hayek*

"No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than the United States. Wondrously strange, then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means and to depart from the road which to Providence has pointed us so plainly. I cannot believe it will ever come to pass." *George Washington*

"People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost." *H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

"There is one thing in the world more wicked than the desire to command, and that is the will to obey." *William Kingdon Clifford*



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Points To Ponder

- "Worrying is paying interest on a debt you might not even owe." *Mark Twain*
- "I know you think you understand what you thought I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant." *Robert McCloskey*
- "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." *Albert Einstein*
- "Time is free, but it's priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back." *Harvey Mackay*
- "You will never reach your destination if you stop to throw stones at every dog that barks." *Winston Churchill*
- "In retrospect it becomes clear that hindsight is definitely overrated." *Alfred E. Neuman*
- "If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough." *Mario Andretti*

Lars, Sven and Ole were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and neighbors are mourning you, what would you like them to say?"

Lars said, "I would like dem to say dat I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a gut family man."

Sven said, "I would like dem to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in da lives of people."

Ole said, "I would like dem to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

One Sunday morning Lena went in to wake her son, Ole, to tell him it was time to get ready for church. He said, "I'm not going!"

"Vhy not, Ole?" said Lena.

"I'll gif yew two reasons," he said. "One, dey don't like me, and two, I don't like dem."

Lena replied, "Vell, I'll gif yew two reasons vhy yew need ta go to church: One, yew're 59 years old, and two, yew're da pastor!"

Lena came home from a nearby farm with two buckets of cow manure for the garden.

"Vhat's dat for?" asked her 6-year-old son Ole.

"Da strawberries," said Lena.

After staring at the buckets for a moment, Ole asked, "Can I just haf mine vith whipped cream?"

Ole had been slipping in and out of a coma for several months. Yet Lena had stayed by his bedside every single day. One day, when he came to, he motioned for her to come nearer. As she sat by him, he whispered, eyes full of tears, "Yew know vhat? Yew haf been vith me all tru da bad times. When I got fired, you vere dare to support me. When my business failed, you vere dare. When I got shot, you vere by my side. When ve lost da house, you stayed right here. And now, when my health started failing, yew haf been here by my side."

"Dat's right, Ole," said Lena, her heart filled with warmth.

"Vell, yew know vhat Lena?" continued Ole.

"Vhat dear?" she gently asked.

"I'm beginning to tink yew're bad luck . . ."