

Reader Recipes

Pumpkin Ice Cream

1/2 gal. vanilla ice cream, softened
1 cup canned pumpkin
1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 tbsps orange juice

Mix all ingredients except ice cream in an electric mixer on low speed, then blend into ice cream. Cover and freeze.

Spaghetti Corn

1 can whole kernel corn and juice
1 can cream-style corn
1 cup Velveeta cheese, cubed
1 cup spaghetti, dry, broken in 1-in. pieces
1 stick butter, cubed
Dump all ingredients into a 1 1/2-qt. casserole dish. Stir together. Bake at 350°, covered, for 1/2 hr. Then bake uncovered for 1/2 hr. Stir frequently.

Grandma's Ginger Snaps

1 cup Crosby's Fancy Molasses
1 cup sugar
Butter the size of an egg
Lard the size of 2 eggs
3 tsp ginger
3 tsp baking soda
1 egg
1 tsp salt
4 cups flour

Combine molasses, sugar, butter, lard, and bring to a boil. Cool slightly, then mix in remaining ingredients, using about 3 1/2 cups of flour. Mix well and add more flour if necessary. The dough will roll out easiest if still warm. Bake at 350° for about 10 min. Bake time depends on thickness of cookies.

Deep-Fried Candy Corn

2 cups Bisquick
1 large egg
3/4 cup buttermilk
3/4 cup candy corn, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup corn flakes
Vegetable oil
Powdered sugar
Stir together baking mix and next 2 ingredients in a large bowl. Stir in candy corn and corn flakes.

Pour oil to depth of 2 in. into a Dutch oven; heat over medium heat to 350°. Drop batter by rounded tablespoons into hot oil; fry in batches, 30 sec. to 1 min. on each side. Drain on a wire rack. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.



Wool mattress, topper and comforter are designed to help you sleep better.

Want To Sleep Better? Try Wool!

You'll get a better night's sleep when you sleep on wool mattresses, toppers, pillows and other bedding from Shepherd's Dream. Owner Hank Kearns has the research to back up his claims and the wool bedding that proves it.



A wool mattress being made.

"The great thing about wool is that it is temperature regulating," says Kearns. "It keeps you comfortable at a good sleeping temperature about 95 percent of the year. It is also moisture wicking and antimicrobial. Dust mites hate it."

Kearns explains that people sensitive to synthetic fiber tend to sleep either too hot or too cold, but wool is the perfect material.

Synthetic fiber sensitivities are only one reason people like wool. "There is a much larger demand than we originally thought for bedding made entirely from natural fiber without chemical additives and fire retardants," says Kearns. "Our customer base is all ages, from people starting a family all the way through retirement. Wool bedding works for anyone health conscious and looking for a customizable bed."

While a 100 percent wool-batting mattress can be very firm, Shepherd's Dream also sells them with a natural latex base for added spring. Adding a topper with its less dense wool layer adds even more comfort, suggests Kearns.

"We can combine less dense layers to customize the bedding," he says.

Kearns cites University of Melbourne, Australia, research that proves people get a more restful sleep with wool in the bedding. "They found the heart rate is lower, and people toss and turn less on wool," he says. "It's great at relieving pressure points, and people who suffer from fibromyalgia tell us wool is miracle bedding."

Once wool has been cleaned and carded into batts, Shepherd's Dream turns it into bedding. A 5-in. thick, all wool mattress with 10 layers of wool batting ranges in price from \$1,495 to \$2,795, depending on size. Other products include pillows, mattress toppers, comforters, blankets and more. They even offer wool-filled pet beds.

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Electric Snow Melting Mats

You can keep snow and ice off walkways, stairs, and even your driveway with these new heated snow melting mats.

HeatTrak electric mats measure 20 in. wide by 60 in. long and are made with an electrically-operated heating element sandwiched between 2 protective surfaces made of non-slip rubber. They plug into a standard 120-volt outlet and can be connected to each other to extend their reach. The mats melt snow at a rate of about 2 in. per hr. The water from the melted snow evaporates off the mat.

The mats come in a variety of sizes. Walkway mats are 20 in. wide by up to 60 in. long; stairway mats 10 in. wide by up to 48 in. long.

The mats can be used independently or connected together using built-in watertight connector cables, to create a continuous system of snow melting mats.

According to the company, the mats are effective down to 5 degrees below zero, and the cost to operate 9 walkway mats connected together will generally be less than \$1 per day.

The mats can be used on most surfaces including concrete, asphalt, stone and wood decks but not plastic or composite.

A 20 by 60-in. walkway mat sells for \$139.95 plus S&H. Other walkway mat sizes are available.

A 10 by 48-in. stairway mat sells for \$89.95.

The company says the mats should not be covered or used indoors, or used for animals or animal houses. They're for foot traffic and wheelchairs only and can't be driven on by a car. However, a 20-ft. long driveway mat is available.

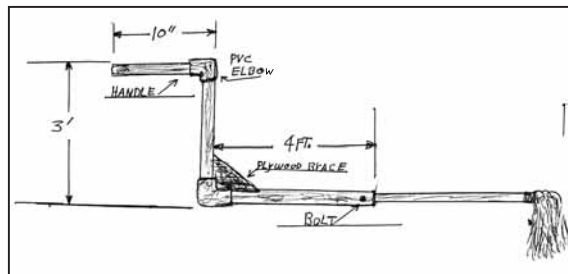
Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, HeatTrak, 3641 Clearview Parkway, Doraville, Georgia 30340 (ph 888 586-4904; sales@heattrak.com; www.heattrak.com).



Electric snow melting mats can be connected to each other to extend their reach.

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L-shaped pvc pipe extension bolts onto end of mop to reach under bed.

Mop Extension Helps Clean Under Bed

"My wife and I are in our mid 70's and both have arthritis so bending over to sweep under our king-size bed is nearly impossible. That's why I came up with a modified mop," says Raymond Rodriguez, Waxahachie, Texas.

"Even on our knees, we couldn't reach all the way under the bed with a regular size mop. So I made an L-shaped extension out of pvc pipe that bolts to the end of our mop.

"Now mopping under the bed is a piece of cake. Once we've cleaned under the bed, we take the extension off the mop by removing the one bolt."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Raymond Rodriguez, 910 Kaufman St., Waxahachie, Texas 75165.



Center ZipStitch on wound and press it firmly onto skin, then pull tab to remove paper frame and pull each zip tie to close wound.

"ZipStitch" Kit Replaces Stitches

This new surgical quality wound closure kit allows you to close small lacerations at home in seconds, eliminating the need for stitches. Designed for wounds up to 1 1/2 in. long, it's said to be 8 times stronger than stitches. The technology is now used by many hospitals worldwide.

You center the ZipStitch on the wound, then press it firmly onto the skin. Pull a tab to remove a paper frame from the center of the device and pull each zip tie to close the wound. It acts as a "cage" around the wound, isolating and protecting it from movement that could pull on the wound and disrupt healing.

Multiple ZipStitches can be applied to longer wounds.

The kit also includes a gauze pad to stop bleeding, an alcohol wipe to clean the wound area, and a bandage to cover and protect the closed wound. Sells for \$29.99 on the company website, with volume discounts available.

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