

Rope Curtain Reduces Flies On Cattle

When one of his bulls took it as a personal challenge to destroy every insecticide applicator Steve Davis tried, the Amagon, Ark., farmer decided to make something better. Three years and a few prototypes later, his patent-pending Cattle Curtain insecticide applicator can be found on his farm and others in several states.

"I got the idea after seeing a rope wick applicator, so I had a guy build me a curtain with different ropes," Davis explains. After experimentation and testing, they came up with a design that covers more than 80 percent of the bodies of calves and full-grown cattle that pass through.

The 14 4-ft. long polypropylene ropes hang from a piece of pvc pipe that's filled with a blend of insecticide and oil. "The oil stays in the ropes well. It applies a thin layer all over (the cattle)," Davis says.

The cattle get used to the curtains quickly and walk through the ropes with their heads up to get a thorough coating.

Davis recommends installing the curtain, which weighs less than 50 lbs. when filled with 3 gal. of diluted insecticide, on a cross-bar over a gate where cattle go to drink or lick mineral blocks.

Davis recommends customers use oil-based insecticides that work best in their region. He's seen a big difference in the reduced number of flies on his herd in north-east Arkansas.

At \$179, plus shipping, the Cattle Curtain is built durable to last. It's an insecticide applicator that even his orneriest bull hasn't been able to destroy.

Davis welcomes dealer requests.

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Ole was driving down the street when he crashed into a yard and nearly ended up driving into the house. As he got out of the car, the man who owned the place came running over and said, "Are you okay? You look pretty old to still be driving."

"Vell, yes I am," said Ole. "I'll be 98 next month and I'm old enuff now dat I don't even need a driver's license no more."

Surprised, the man said, "Really? How do you know?"

Ole said, "Da last time I vent to da doctor, he asked me if I still had a license. I tolt him ya, and handed it to him. He cut it up into little pieces and trew it away and said, 'You won't need this anymore'."