

## Reader Recipes

### Zucchini Gratin Casserole

6 tablespoons butter  
1 onion, chopped  
2 lbs. zucchini, cut into 1/4-in. slices  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley  
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
1 cup hot milk  
1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules  
1 cup shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese  
4 slices bread, crumbled  
1/2 cup melted butter

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Grease an 8x10-in. baking dish. Melt 6 tablespoons butter in a large skillet over medium heat, then add onion. Cook and stir until soft, about 6 min. Mix in the zucchini, and cover the skillet. Cook until tender, about 10 min. Stir in the kosher salt, black pepper and parsley, and cook uncovered for 5 min. Stir in flour, and reduce heat to a simmer. Mix the hot milk and chicken bouillon together in a small bowl, stirring until the bouillon has dissolved. Pour the milk into the skillet and bring to a simmer, stirring constantly until the milk thickens into a sauce, about 5 min. Pour the zucchini mixture into the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Mix the bread crumbs with 1/2 cup melted butter, and sprinkle over casserole. Bake in the preheated oven until the casserole is bubbling and the top has browned, about 20 min.

### Velveeta Fudge

12 oz. Velveeta  
1 cup butter  
6 squares unsweetened baking chocolate  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
8 cups powdered sugar  
1 1/2 cups chopped nuts  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Heat Velveeta, butter, chocolate, and corn syrup in microwave on high for about 2 min., stirring twice until melted and well blended. Add chocolate mixture in batches to sugar in a large bowl, beating with an electric mixer after each addition. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour into greased 9x13-in. pan. Smooth and refrigerate until firm.



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## Kevlar Gloves Protect From Animal Bites

When you work with animals, protecting your hands is a high priority. Unfortunately, most gloves today aren't a match for bites and scratches. Veterinarian Laura Catena designed new ArmOR Hand gloves after suffering a potentially career-ending injury at work.

"A cat bit my left thumb, and I had extensive surgery and months of physical therapy to regain the use of my hand," she says. "Because of the pain and expense that I endured, I wanted to protect other animal caregivers from the trauma of animal bites and scratches."

The resulting gloves are available in five sizes to ensure a proper fit for every user. They are specifically designed to address the needs of those who work closely with animals.

"ArmOR Hand gloves are made of the strongest stretch materials on the planet, including a double-knit layer of DuPont Kevlar," says Dr. Catena. "The flexibility and dexterity of the gloves are amazing; they are not bulky at all."

Each pair has full hand and forearm coverage, and they are machine washable. As Dr. Catena explains, this is a necessary feature for anyone who works with animals because it decreases the risk of infectious disease transmission.

The gloves are designed for anyone who works with animals, including veterinarians, farmers, zoo employees, groomers, animal control employees, and hunters and trappers. Buyers can choose between two designs - one that offers full finger coverage like traditional gloves, and another that leaves your thumb and first two fingers exposed. This allows for better dexterity and easier access for trimming nails, palpation, administering injections, applying ear medications and other animal care tasks. The gloves sell for \$148.

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## Ice-Free Battery-Powered Cooler

The Chillest Solar Electric cooler/freezer from GoSun is a 45-liter cooler that has two refrigeration zones. It can stay cold, with no ice needed, for over 10 hrs. with its internal battery and up to 40 hrs. when paired to an external battery. No ice means more cooler space for food and drinks.

It has a built-in battery, "all-terrain" wheels, interior lighting and organization baskets. The built-in compressor lets you set the temperature from -4 to 68 degrees. The two zones mean one side can be used as a fridge and the other as a freezer.

The cooler can run on 12v, 24v, AC, DC, or solar power. It comes with a built-in 87w battery and a 20w solar table.

Temperature zones can be controlled from a cell phone app. The cooler weighs in at 42 lbs. and has a telescoping handle and wheels for transport.

The Chillest Pro sells for \$799 with shipping included.

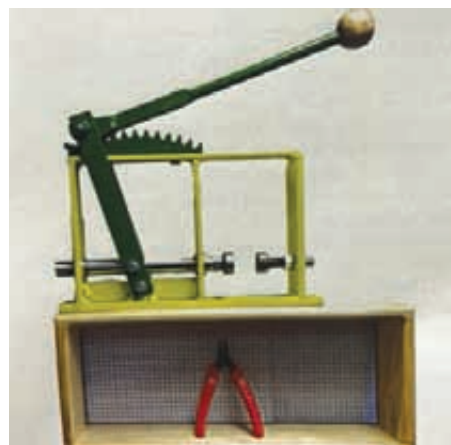
Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, GoSun, 1217 Ellis St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45223 (ph 888-868-6154; support@gosun.co; www.gosun.co).



The Chillest cooler has cold and freezer sections and runs on battery or solar so it requires no ice, leaving more room for storage.

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John Petersheim built a heavy-duty nutcracker has oval shaped jaw holes and a cracking force ratio of 185 to 1.

## Heavy-Built Nutcracker Cracks Walnuts Quickly, Cleanly

"The reason I built this nutcracker is that I've been cracking walnuts for 50 years but I've never been happy with any of the nutcrackers I've owned. I finally decided there had to be a better way," says John Petersheim of J P Wood and Metal of Mifflintown, Penn.

He calls the well-built nutcracker "The New Style Black Walnut Cracker," and it's so simple to operate that "even older ladies and young children have no problem cracking walnuts with it."

The steel nutcracker mounts on a 9 by 30-in. board. His invention is a little different than what might be typical because of the shape of the jaw holes used to crack the nut.

"Since the nuts are oval-shaped, the jaw holes needed to be oval as well," he says. "Using a ball end mill on a milling machine, I experimented until I had jaws that worked well on the most common-sized walnuts."

"All of the outside shell cracks first," Petersheim adds. "This method of cracking walnuts takes more force since it hits the entire shell at once, so the nutcracker has to be sturdy. Our nutcracker has a cracking force ratio of 185 to 1."

The extra-long handle on each nutcracker makes it possible to stop at any point in the cracking process. You can go a little further if you wish to crack the center as well. "The best thing about it is that the nut meats come out whole," says Petersheim.

He's built 100 of the nutcrackers so far, and they sell for \$115 each.

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