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Modified Farmall A Big Hit At Parades

Ray Hofner of Tongany, Ohio, modified a 1945 Farmall International A into a real head-turner. "Dad bought the tractor brand new to use for sugar beets and tomatoes," says Hofner. "Later on, my older brother took it and used it for mowing and other duties. I received it in 1999 and left it in the barn for 18 years."

After finding inspiration from another member at a tractor club, Hofner decided to widen and lower the tractor to make it suitable for parades. "I picked up a left-hand housing and axle from an International B to make a new axle for it," he says. "It took me all winter." Hofner estimates he put about \$1,000 into the modifications. "My inspiration in the tractor club put over

\$15,000 into his. But I figured you can have fun for a hell of a lot less than that."

Prominently featured on the back are an American flag and a Pine Tree flag, popular around the time of the Revolutionary War. "I'm a veteran," says Hofner. "It's important to me to feature a flag flown during many battles where the first American blood was spilled."

Hofner loves putting his hard work on display at parades. "People really like it," he says. "I'll take it to Bowling Green for the Thanksgiving parade, and my granddaughter can't wait to join me and throw out some candy."

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Weighted Vehicle Cover Stays Put

With CoverSeal, storing cars, trucks, subcompact tractors and even yard and patio gear is easier and more secure from pests, the sun and the weather. The 360-degree flexible tube edges weighted with sand hold the covers in place in 40-mph winds, while air ventilation pockets prevent moisture build-up. The polyester covers reflect sunlight and are heat resistant.

"Our CEO Ken Huening came up with the concept after paying out more than \$25,000 in rodent damage to his car collection," says Melissa Croland, CoverSeal. "When I met him, I suggested we bring his concept to market."

CoverSeal's weighted edges discourage rodents from entering. Instead, they tend to travel around the cover and then move on to more convenient shelter. Tight-fitting covers catch and hold water in depressions. Designed to be loose fitting, CoverSeal covers billow in the wind, draining away excess water.

"We started with car covers four years ago and have since expanded as customers described other needs," says Croland. "When a subcompact tractor owner described rodent damage to his equipment, we started an ag division."

Their initial tractor cover (\$360) fits midsize lawn and garden tractors with loaders. Croland says models will soon expand to include ATVs and larger equipment.

Car covers come in various sizes and shapes, from sportscar models to full-size cars, large SUVs and Jeeps. Light-duty versions are available for interior storage, and regular and premium heavy-duty versions are available for outdoor storage. Prices range from \$150 for a light-duty sports car cover to \$395 for a heavy-duty, large SUV/Jeep version.

Truck covers are available in heavy-duty



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versions for short-bed and long-bed models. The short-bed CoverSeal costs \$390, and the long-bed version costs \$595.

Other covers include BBQs and smokers from small to extra-large, ranging in price from \$110 to \$140. Patio furniture covers are available in small, medium and large sizes, ranging from \$140 to \$170.

CoverSeal covers are made from UV and water-resistant DWR-coated polyester ripstop fabric. They reflect 90 percent of sunlight and protect against wildfire ash up to 300 degrees. The bottom edge apron is completely waterproof and made of a high-grade tarp over 10 mil thick, which won't degrade with ground contact.

Weights vary, with car and tractor covers in the 45 to 50 lb. range. Truck covers range from 60 to 75 lbs.

"We're looking at introducing aprons for RVs," says Croland. "Let us know if you have a special need. We can customize."

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Self-Propelled Cattle Feeding For Large Herds

Bunk feeding large numbers of cattle usually involves numerous pieces of equipment, including loader tractors, wheel loaders, feed trucks or a tractor to pull a separate feed wagon.

Highline Manufacturing joins the self-propelled cattle feeding marketplace with its AMX 1000s Accumix TMR Mixer. The unit resembles a feed truck but adds the capability of loading inputs and ingredients without needing a separate loader.

The machine's main difference is the 92-in. wide self-loading arm, which loads silage, forage or straw from a pile or poly bags. The operator never has to leave the cab.

"The self-loading arm option allows a single operator to do all the feeding with one machine," a Highline promotional release claims. "Load your feed quickly and efficiently into the tub at a milling head speed that's adjustable from 0 to 600 rpm."

The 1000s comes standard with a 6-cyl. Cummins 310-hp. diesel engine, large off-road tires, fully hydrostatic AWD, crab steering and mechanical heavy-duty suspension for the roughest conditions. Drive modes include four adjustable speed ranges in work and travel options, delivering speeds from 0 to 25 mph.

The 1,000-cu. ft. mixing tub uses two vertical screws with three customized speeds from 1 to 50 rpm.

A spacious cab features an air-ride heated seat, heated mirrors, a heated windshield, a buddy seat and a standard scale head with Bluetooth capability. A touchscreen display and ergonomic joystick control all functions. Cameras offer full-range views behind the equipment, in the tub, and along the right-hand side. An optional 360-degree bird-eye view is also available.

Cab access stairs extend when the parking brake is applied and fold away when disengaged for increased safety in the cab area.

The unit features a standard front left-hand side conveyor or drop chute and an optional left or right-hand side rear conveyor or drop chute.

The 1000s Accumix TMR is manufactured in Vonda, Sask., and is available throughout North America. Interested customers are encouraged to contact their nearest dealer for pricing and availability.

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Mobile Tanks Offer Liquid Options

Single, double and triple-cone bottom trailers provide temporary tank storage where you need it when you need it. Ag Spray trailers are designed to hold full tanks in place and carry them when emptied to the next location. Tanks are available in multiple sizes, ranging from 1,750 to 3,000 gal., with either 2 or 3 in. plumbing.

"We've been offering these trailers for 20 to 25 years," says Jason Dannelly, Ag Spray. "When liquid fertilizer is less expensive than dry, or when crop protection products require increased amounts of water, demand for them increases."

The single-axle trailers have a 2,000-lb. gross vehicle weight, sufficient to handle tanks, pumps and related equipment. Axles are fabricated from 3-in. Schedule 90 pipe with 2 1/2-in. spindles.

"Should an axle be damaged, it can be removed with just eight bolts and replaced easily," says Dannelly. "We use channel iron for the trailer frame instead of tube steel for greater strength. Some trailer companies leave final manufacturing and assembly to their dealers. We fully manufacture our trailers and put everything together."

Once on site, the trailer is lowered hydraulically for filling. The 15-in. bulldoz

jack on the trailer tongue has a 20,000 lb. capacity. Valves can be opened and closed from the side of the trailer. When emptied, the trailer can be raised with a hand pump located by the axle for easy access.

"The trailer and its tanks can be placed near a field where fertilizer or herbicides are to be applied for rapid refill without waiting for a tender or leaving the field for a fill," says Dannelly. "If preferred, the trailer can be placed under roof for temporary fertilizer storage and removed when empty and no longer needed. This leaves the building available for repairs and maintenance off-season."

Ag Spray outfits its trailers with tanks from Minnesota-based Nowesco. The high-density polyethylene tanks, with cone-shaped bottoms, empty quickly and completely.

A double-cone bottom trailer fully equipped with tanks costs \$13,000 to \$15,000, while a triple-cone bottom unit costs \$17,000 to \$20,000.

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