



Cram locks the new cover over the tailgate for rain-tight, theft-proof security.

“Armadillo” Cover Protects Pickup Bed

Here's a new-style pickup cover that “telescopes” to protect cargo in pickups.

The Armadillo cover from the Arma Company, Litchfield, Minn., is made of three sections of 16 ga. steel (18 ga. for down-sized pickups) that slide inside each other to provide a secure, weather-tight seal over the pickup bed. Covers are available for nearly all pickups.

The cover is opened by sliding the sections forward. It can open to 5 ft., 4 in. for hauling and may be left on while pulling most 5th wheel trailers.

For security, the cover can be locked shut over the tailgate.

Cost for a full-sized pickup, F.O.B. Litchfield, Minn. is \$494. For a down-sized pickup with short box, cost is \$454. An additional \$20 is required for long-bed, down-sized models. Options include front door covers and a front cover tool box.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Francis Cram, Arma Company, 409 East Hwy. 12, Litchfield, Minn. 55355 (ph 612 693-7660).



The Armadillo stores under the front 5 ft., 4 in. toolbox section.

Remote TV System For Hog Barns

Hog raisers will be interested in a new closed circuit television monitoring system developed by DABCO, of Toddville, Iowa.

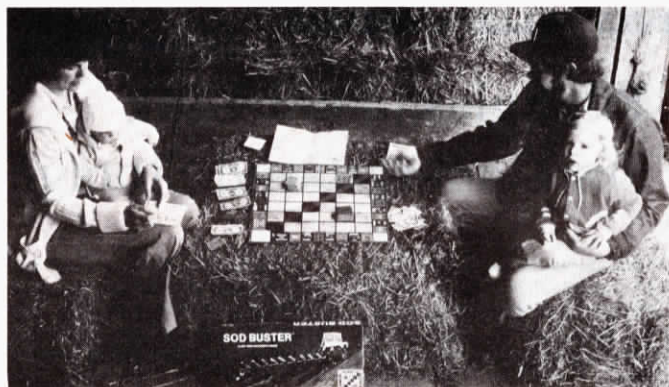
Although TV monitoring systems have been around for a few years, they have had their problems for hog and cattle barns. Most have involved scanning cameras which are limited in that they are unable to view the entire area of interest without obstruction.

Attempts have been made to set up a series of fixed cameras to solve these problems. They worked well, but their high cost has made them

prohibitive for most on-farm livestock barns.

DABCO's system uses just one camera mounted on an overhead track. Usually, the track is placed along a row of crates, pens or stalls. The camera is powered so it can be moved along the track to check the animals. It takes about three or four minutes for the camera to travel 50 ft.

Remote control allows you to turn the camera on and off. You can also make it go forward or in reverse. For more thorough checking, you can stop the camera and scan an entire area.



You can play “Sod Buster” anywhere. To win, all you need are \$50,000 and three harvested crops in a row.

Dairyman Develops New Farming Game

If you're looking for a unique Christmas gift your entire family will enjoy, you may want to consider a new farming game. Called Sod Buster, it's designed to let you “plow your opponents under”.

Sod Buster was developed by Dwight Santee, a dairyman from Beloit, Ohio. He worked for more than three years to make it as similar to actual farming as possible.

“The object of the game is to move around the board while you build up your farm, buy livestock and equipment, and plant corn, wheat, oats, soybeans or alfalfa. All you need to win is to be the first with \$50,000 cash on hand and harvest three crops in a row. But, like farming, that's easier said than done,” says Santee. “Along the way you can buy tractors, plows, cows, planters and most everything else a farmer needs or wants. But look out for the ‘Repairs’ and ‘Expenses’ cards which never deal out any good news.”

The game has just three short pages of instructions. Santee figures any-

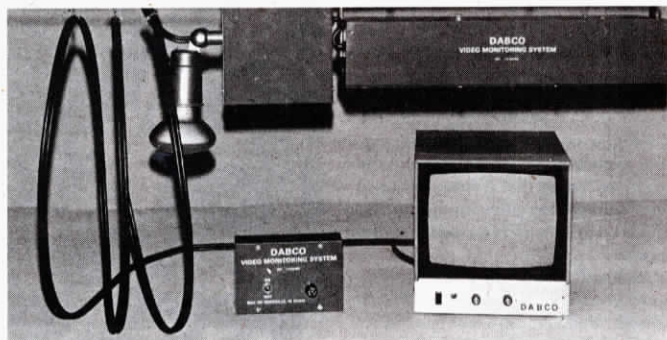
one 9 years old or older can play. It takes from one to several hours to play a game, depending on the level of competition.

Just as the game itself is unusual, so are the game board and box. The illustrations were hand-drawn by Santee's friend Joe Donnely. A color picture of Santee's farm makes a unique background for the game board. Small, wooden barns used in the game were made by a high school shop class.

The Santee's are marketing the game themselves. Some are being sold through local stores and implement dealers, but most orders are handled direct out of their home.

“So far, we've sold about 200 sets in just a month and a half,” says Mrs. Santee. A set sells for \$12, including shipping and handling.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dwight Santee, 16488 South Range Road, Beloit, Ohio 44609 (ph 216 537-3085).



TV monitor lets you check hogs, gauges and equipment from your house or office.

The camera is equipped with a wide-angle lens so you can get a large overview of an entire area. Cost is about \$1,500.

Uses for the system include monitoring farrowing activities, checking to see if any pigs have strayed from heat lamps or from the warmth of the rest of the litter, and for

remote reading of gauges and instruments that tell you your equipment is working properly inside the building.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Dean Bohrer, President, DABCO, PO Box 101, Toddville, Iowa 52341 (ph 319 396-5691).