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Attachment Sweeps Out Feed Bunks Fast

The Maxx Attachments Feed Bunk Sweeper from Maize Corporation quickly removes muck from feed bunks. Its flexible arm mounts to a skid steer's quick-attach plate, giving operators complete control.

"The Feed Bunk Sweeper is our best-selling skid steer attachment," says Kevin Kaff of Maize Corporation. "Everything we sell is built to CAT standards—rugged and heavy duty."

Maize adopted and upheld those heavy-duty build standards when it took over Dymax's line of skid steer attachments. Kaff said Dymax's founders had previously worked for a CAT supplier and maintained that level of quality.

"If you compare our tree shears with our competitors', ours are built significantly heavier," says Kaff. "We build for extreme duty and use hour after hour. We know farmers can use that same kind of quality."

The Feed Bunk Sweeper is designed for skid steers and small wheel loaders. Its manually adjustable arm with telescoping boom has a poly bristle broom driven by a high-torque, low-speed hydraulic motor.

In addition to removing stale feed, the Feed Bunk Sweeper easily handles dirt and

snow. Kaff notes that labor shortages and an aging population have created a real need for products like the Feed Bunk Sweeper.

"An operator can quickly and efficiently clean out snow, as well as deteriorating material in the bunk," says Kaff.

Maize works with retailers from Washington State to Florida and Arizona to New Hampshire. Contact the company for your nearest dealer or buy directly from the company. The Feed Bunk Sweeper is priced at \$8,228.

Maize makes its Maxx Attachments line for skid steers and small wheel blowers. It includes tree shears, buckets, brush cutters and a hydraulic recovery unit with heavy-duty winches and high-torque motors. The company also makes add-on and repair parts for Hesston/Massey Ferguson big square balers that meet or exceed OEM specifications.

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Deere 7000 Rebuild Kits

Pequea Planters rebuild kits and parts are designed to keep Deere 7000 planters going strong. Its latest rebuild addresses wheel frame pivot wear.

"Our greased pivot point will be the last rebuild you'll need," says Omar Stoltzfus, Pequea Planter. "We worked on it for a while and finally brought it out this past fall. It's not compatible with planters with a driveshaft thru-wheel frame, but it does work with electric and hydraulic drives."

Stoltzfus notes that the wheel frame kit (\$155) is also compatible with the Pequea Planter contact drive wheel kit (\$470). The easy-to-install kit replaces the OEM chain drive on the drive wheel, which means chains aren't run off by cornstalks.

"It also eliminates the release of seed and inputs when the drive wheel is raised but still encounters residue from the previous crop," says Stoltzfus.

Pequea recently introduced a rebuild kit for front seed tubes where the guard tab has broken off. Designed for Deere XP and ME5 row units, the kit (\$28) offers a quick in-field repair.

Pequea offers a wide range of parts and attachments for Deere 7000 series planters from its own manufacturing and respected after-market suppliers. In 2013, Pequea introduced its Plant Master four-row (\$23,830) and six-row (\$49,950) planters. The all-new planters use their frames with



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Shoup Manufacturing row units similar to Deere MaxEmerge Plus row units. Pequea also offers 3-pt. and pull-type two-row planters, as well as used and refurbished Deere 7000 planters and parts.

The Stoltzfus family built their first planter for themselves, a horse-drawn two-row with Deere 1240 row units. In 1979, they sold nine planters with a mix of Deere row units, including MaxEmerge 7000 row units. Today, they sell up to 150 planters per year. They also custom-build planters for special needs with row spacings of 15, 20, 24 and 28 in., splitter planters for beans, folding planters and more.

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Tillage unit consists of three 6-ft. long dual basket sections.

Horse-Drawn Tool Crumbles, Levels And Rips

Abram Zook's horse-drawn, double-basket rolling harrow prepares seedbeds and controls emerging weeds in newly planted cornfields. Zook uses no-till row cleaners to leave the seed trench about an inch below the field's surface. This gives him a few days after planting to hit emerging weeds.

"I can go in after plowing before the soil dries out and two to three days after planting without ripping out the corn seed," says Zook. "It does a nice job crumbling the soil, leveling the surface and ripping out small weeds. If the field is a little grassy and lumpy, it rips out the grass clumps and breaks the soil off the roots."

Zook notes that if left with soil on the roots, the clumps will quickly regrow with the first rain. The double-rolling baskets are extra aggressive due to their connecting chain drive.

The front basket has a 15-tooth socket and half the rebar of the rear basket with its 32-tooth sprocket. Spacing of the 1/2-in. rebar is 4 in. on the front basket and only 2 in. on the rear. With more rebar on the rear basket, the heavier weight drives the front basket. At the same time, the front basket puts a slight drag on the rear, so it rolls at slightly less than ground speed, adding to the crumbling it does.

"The front basket can appear not to be doing as much as the rear, but it spins twice as fast, so its rebar hits every 2 1/2 to 3 in.," explains Zook.

Zook's son David operates D.S. Zook, a fabrication shop on the family farm. He built and refined the prototype his father used on the farm for two years. It was demonstrated at the 2024 Horse Progress Days and later showcased in Rural Heritage magazine.

The tillage unit consists of three 6-ft. long dual basket sections fabricated from 1/2-in. rebar. Expanded metal platforms top each section, providing space for adding weight.

"The added weight determines the working depth," says Zook. "Add too much, and it'll penetrate the corn. I usually add around 400 lbs. of concrete blocks for adequate penetration."

Chains with clevis hitches from two sections pin to extensions on opposite corners of the lead section. Moving the clevis hitches in and out on the extensions affects how much overlap occurs. The weights are removed for transit, and the sections are hitched in line.

"Even removing the weights, the sections can be hard on field lanes and scratch the grass out," says Zook. "I'm considering putting wheels on the front of each section to raise them for moving them between fields or down a road."

The crumbler/leveler/ripper is available in 36, 60 and 80 in. sizes. The 18 ft. shown at Horse Progress Days consists of two 80s and a 60 and is priced at \$5,000.

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Wireless Driveway Alarm

The Mighty Mule Wireless Driveway Alarm helps you monitor vehicles entering or exiting your property. It's ideal for homes, properties or businesses without a driveway gate.

It uses an electromagnetic vehicle detection system that senses mass metals in motion passing through your driveway or property entrance. When a vehicle passes the sensor, the included indoor base station will audibly chime.

The included indoor receiver emits an audible chime when a vehicle enters or exits your driveway. You'll be promptly notified of any activity.

You can place additional indoor receivers in multiple areas within the range of the driveway sensor, allowing you to receive alerts from different parts of your property.

Simply bury the electromagnetic sensor next to your driveway or property entrance to maximize sensing range. Place the indoor receiver in your desired location and adjust the volume.

The system provides a wireless range of up to 400 ft. from the outdoor transmitter to the indoor receiver. It requires two AA batteries (not included) for operation.

Both the indoor receiver and outdoor transmitter have a low battery indicator.



System provides a wireless range of up to 400 ft. and is ideal for properties without a driveway gate.

It sells for \$85.50 plus shipping and comes with a 12-month warranty when purchased directly from Mighty Mule or an authorized dealer.

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