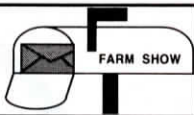


# Reader Letters



I've discovered that it's a lot easier to clean fish if you freeze them first with the scales on. Once, frozen, the scales slip right off by hand. (**William Huddleston, 3506 Burton CV Rd., Cookeville, Tenn. 38506**)

Our replacement parts business has been featured in FARM SHOW several times. I wanted to let your readers know that we're now doing a booming business making hard-to-find tractor crankshafts, which we're able to sell at a fraction of the cost of factory-built parts. Here's what we have available: **Allis Chalmers:** Fits AC gas D10, D12, D14 & D15. Replaces part #227550. Sells for \$495. **Allis Chalmers:** Fits WD-45 gas. Replaces part #226535. Sells for \$495. **International:** Fits Cub. Replaces part #353743R93. Sells for \$445. **Massey Ferguson:** Fits T030, T035, MF35, MF135 (with continental gas engines X-129 & Z-134 less bearings, standard journals). Sells for \$475. **Massey Ferguson:** Fits MF 135, 150, 230, 235, 245, Industrial 20C, 30B, 2500 forklift, 4500 forklift. Replaces part #1047539M1, casting #Z145C500 or Z145C600. Sells for \$695.

We will soon have cranks for Case 188 diesel and Case 207 diesel. (**Dave Steiner, Steiner Crankshaft, G-10096 S. Saginaw, Holly, Mich. 48442 ph 800 234-3280 or 810 695-1919**)

We've never bought much John Deere equipment because it's more expensive than other equipment but we'd always heard nothing runs like a Deere. When Deere came out with the STX 38 mower, we bought one. We didn't have it long until we learned nothing falls apart like a Deere. Our 626 Deere ATV isn't what it should be, either, considering what we paid for it. So as far as I'm concerned, Deere's with legs run. The ones with wheels fall apart. (**Lee D. Hostetler, Rt. 1 Box 125, Cottage Grove, Tenn. 38224**)

After 5 years research and development, Morris Seed Farms is now offering an open



pollinated seed corn for \$30 per bushel. Our open pollinated seed corn is higher in protein, amino acids and sugar than regular hybrids. It gives livestock farmers higher feed value per bushel with a significant savings in seed cost. Open pollinated seed corn must be planted at low populations - 10,000 to 13,000 ppa. That insures good standability, large ears, and drought resistance, with a seed cost of only about \$5 per acre.

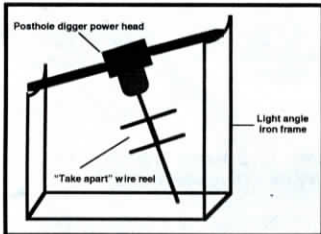
FARM SHOW readers can reach me evenings at 314 875-8553 or write. (**John H. Morris, Morris Seed Farms, Rt. 2, Box 57A, Clark, Mo. 65243**)

My brother-in-law and I built an all-hydraulic tractor using two WC Allis Chalmers rear ends, powered by a 283 Chevrolet engine. The drive is a transmission pump and gear case. We built the bucket out of 1/4-in.



steel. It's 80-in. wide. We also built a backhoe which we can install instead of the bucket. The backhoe works good for digging out stumps. (**Loren O. Larson, Minneapolis, Minn. 55429**)

I made a wire winder for smooth electric fence wire that has saved me many hours of labor. I had a gas driven portable post



hole digger and used the power head from it. The power head sits in U-shaped brackets on a light angle iron frame. By removing one shear bolt and taking apart the wire reel, then tying the spools together they can be replaced for rolling out or the spool can be taken off of rewinder for unrolling later. This winder will pull in 1/2 to 3/4 mile of wire in a few minutes. I usually set the roller on the ground and drive two electric fence posts through tabs on bottom of the frame to anchor it. I use a heavy pair of leather gloves to guide wire to roll evenly onto spool.

I also made a bale fork for handling round bales with my pickup. I have fed and moved thousands of bales with it. It's made of various pieces of scrap metal. One pin that goes through a frame cross member holds it to the bed of pickup. When you pull it you can slide it right out of the pickup. The tines fold straight up for safe transport. An electric winch raises and lowers the spike. It connects to an upright at the base of the spike that's made out of 4-in. channel iron. It's cab controlled. A hinge at the back of the pickup bed is made out of pipe. (**Delbert Deschner, 2950 County 404 Dr., Natoma, Kan. 67651 ph 913 885-4671**)

While reading the 1995 edition of "Best of FARM SHOW", I came across the article about tall silage corn from a company called Crop Development in Sedgwick, Kan. I thought you might be interested in another story about unusual breeds of corn.

My wife is from Mexico and each time we go down there, I bring back a couple ears of corn that I pick out of their fields. They use this particular variety to feed cows and also to make hominy and corn meal for cooking. It is available in virtually all Mexican markets.

I plant a small patch in our garden each year and each plant has 3 or 4 ears and stands 16 to 20 ft. tall. The top ear matures but does not dry down. Sometimes the bottom ear has only a cob, no kernels. I've had stalks with as many as 5 ears. Our growing season in Iowa is too short for all the ears to ripen.

In Mexico, the top ear stands about 6 ft. off the ground and is picked by hand to eat like sweet corn. The next ears are used for cooking and the bad ears are generally

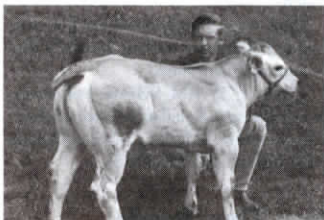
used for livestock.

My wife's brother in Mexico says there is a taller variety in Mexico that consistently yields 4 or 5 good ears and has a stalk as big around as a man's wrist. (**Marion Sexton, 3220 130th St., Riverside, Iowa 52327**)

Your readers may be interested in the 1-in. dia. John Deere advertising glass marbles I've got for sale. They were made in the 1970's and are yellow with the John Deere crest etched in green. They're all in excellent condition. I sell them 6 for \$25 or 12 for \$40, postage included. (**Lawrence Parks, 5205 Davewood Dr., Toledo, Ohio 43623 ph 419 473-9242**)

I read with interest the story on corn burning furnaces in your Vol. 18, No. 6 issue and the fact that some farmers who've built their own corn burners have used coal stokers to feed corn into burners. I have two gear boxes off coal stokers that would work good if any readers are interested. (**J. Yeomans, Rt. 2, Lynden, Ontario L0R 1T0 Canada**)

About a year ago I read an article in FARM SHOW about Piedmontese cattle. We've been working with Piedmontese for a few



years and feel they've got great potential.

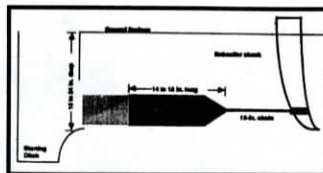
The main benefits of Piedmontese are: 1. Less fat, calories and cholesterol than roast chicken without the skin; 2. 10 to 15 percent more meat from the same weight carcass with the extra meat in all the prime cuts; 3. No fat and no marbling yet it has the most tender, flavorful meat in the world (cooking time is 1/3 to 1/2 less); 4. Calving ease. Unlike Belgian Blues, Piedmontese calves are born small and slim bodied. Their double muscling doesn't appear until calves are 4 to 5 weeks old; 5. You can use Piedmontese bulls on your existing cows to get rid of fat in the very first cross; and 7. They're hardy, adaptable, gentle and beautiful.

We aggressively market meat by targeting consumers in big city papers, selling our half Piedmontese beef by the quarter, picked up at the butcher shop for a premium at \$5.00 a pound.

We can provide more information, and breeding stock, to your readers. In previous issues you've featured our Romanov sheep and, thanks to FARM SHOW, we've sold them into 42 states. After advertising them in 50 farm magazines across the U.S., nothing ever came close to the response we've had from an editorial report in FARM SHOW. (**David & Nicki Blackstone, 49800 TR58, Lewisville, Ohio 43754 ph & fax 614 567-3463**)

As farmers in the great Southern area of West Australia, we very much enjoy FARM SHOW. Our property of 6,000 acres consists of approximately one-third grain crops (wheat, barley, oats, lupines, and canola) and the other two-thirds is set aside to pasture for about 8,000 Merino sheep.

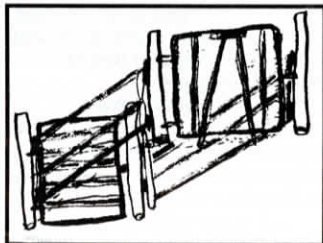
As far as our "best buys", we're very happy with our 1994 Case-IH 1688 combine, a 1989 Case-IH 7130 FWA tractor, a 1984 International 5088 FWA tractor, as well as various other Australian-built tillage equipment and Japanese motor vehicles. (**Dawson & Nancy Harris, RMB 491 Kelly Road, Katanning, Western Australia, 6317 Australia**)



In reading your "World's First Encyclopedia of Best Ideas", I came across a story called "Drainage Bullet Eliminates Tiling". It described drainage "bullets" pulled behind subsoiler shanks to create underground tunnels to carry away subsoil moisture (see drawing).

I'd like to know if any of your readers have ever tried this idea and, if so, how it worked out for them. (**Bob Byrns, 1992 Hwy 7, Zim, Minn. 55799 ph 218 427-2634**)

This is a treatment pen I made for our dairy farm to treat cows for various problems.



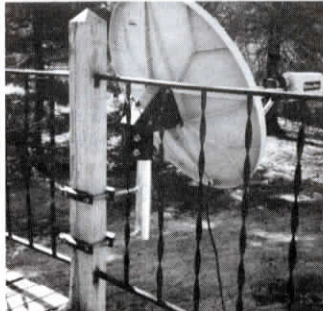
The four corner posts are 4-in. pipe set in the floor. The swing-open front and back gates are made out of 3/4-in. pipe. The sides are also made of 3/4-in. pipe and they swing open at each end, which makes it easy for treating animals. Very handy and time-saving for us. (**L.C. Finkbeiner, 5573 Austin Rd., Saline, Mich. 48176**)

These tough feeders work great for horses and calves. We put rubber pans inside car



tires by cutting out the top bead and then wiring the pan to the tire. Then we chain the wheel to a post. Keeps them from dragging the away or tipping them over. (**Milo Johnson, 1994 Fort Hood, Texas 76513**)

I made this mounting bracket for our satellite dish that bolts to a rail post on our deck.



The dish rests inside a piece of pipe held by two large bolts that run to a pair of clamp-on brackets on the deck post. This setup gets the dish up off the ground, makes it easy to make adjustments, and puts it above the level of trees and shrubs.

I also made a pivot irrigation track closer from a small, unused tandem disk. I simply reversed the movement of dirt by the