

**SAME SPECS AS DEERES  
BUT SELL FOR LESS**

## Low-Price Gathering Chains For Deere Soybean Heads

"Every farmer dreads the thought of having to purchase replacement gathering chains for his Deere row crop head because they're an expensive item. Up till now, his local Deere dealer had a virtual monopoly on the market," says Lana Brown, marketing director for McKee Unlimited, Emerson, Iowa.

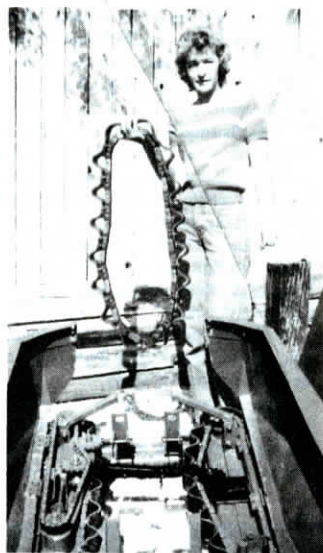
McKee has introduced American-made replacement gathering chains for older-style and A series row crop heads that are reportedly of the same quality, have the same specs and same warranty as Deere's but sell for much less.

"Farmers are used to paying a dealer price of right at \$95 per chain (\$190 per row)," says Brown. "Our prices are \$77.95 per chain—\$155.90 per row—for A series chains. This makes the chain replacement cost for a 6-row head \$935.40—a \$204.60 saving over local dealer costs."

McKee's chain prices for older-style series heads are \$87.95 per chain.

Chains come complete with belting, ready-to-install and freight is free, says Brown.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, McKee Unlimited, Rt. 2, Box 40, Emerson, Iowa 51533 (ph 712 824-7817).



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**GRAIN WON'T STICK TO IT AND  
CHAINS WON'T FREEZE UP**

## "Slippery Plastic" For Wagons, Spreaders, Etc.

Slippery plastic linings inside gravity boxes, manure spreaders, barn cleaners and gutters, mangers, and any other high-wear chutes decreases wear, reduces maintenance and smooths out performance, according to Miles Meng and Richard Cox, plastic experts who use a variety of plastic materials to make farming easier.

Cox told FARM SHOW that new high-wear plastic sheets let you cover up rusting or rotted out steel or wood equipment, or deterioration in concrete bunkers or gutters. "If you've got a rusted grain cart, grain is going to stick to the sides. We can completely cover the inside of the box with slippery plastic so nothing will ever stick. In manure spreaders we cover the sides and bottom with 1/8 in. to 3/16-in. plastic sheets to eliminate apron stretching and breaking due to freeze-ups, saving on expensive repairs and down time, and making the spreader function more smoothly thanks to the slipperiness of the plastic. When installed in barn cleaner chutes and gutters, users have reported 90% savings on chain replacement and stretching due to fewer freeze-ups and smoother operation. It also decreases the electrical cost of operation.

Covering the insides of feedbunks with plastic, says Cox, causes cows to eat more because the plastic doesn't hurt their tongues like rough concrete, and because feed doesn't sour so quickly. "It's a great way to restore deteriorated mangers," he notes.

Other uses include covering chopper boxes, the inside of auger troughs, elevator bottoms and sides, feed carts and mixers, silo chutes, moldboard plows, and snowplow blades. Each application requires a different thickness or hardness of plastic. For example, the plastic used to cover bot-



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tons on moldboard plows is 100 times stronger than that used inside a grain cart.

Cox and Meng rework most equipment on a custom basis in their shop in Osseo, Wis., or on the farm. Most of the plastics can be cut with utility knives or skill saws and can be bent to fit corners by applying heat. It costs about \$200 to reline a gravity box. Plastic is also available in large sheets for do-it-yourself installation.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Osseo Plastic and Supply, Inc., 408 Caroline Street, Box 314, Osseo, Wis. 54758 (ph 715 597-2210 or 597-2558).

**MAKES THEM GOOD AS NEW FOR  
STORING SILAGE, HIGH MOISTURE CORN**

## New Plastic Liner For Upright Silos

"For about the same cost as inoculants and preservatives, your conventional upright silo can work like an oxygen-limiting storage unit," says Grant Durhman, of GeneralStor, St. Paul, Minn. manufacturer of plastic silo liners for upright silos.

"Silo liners act as a barrier against outside moisture and air while feed is stored in the silo. Since it's exposed to less oxygen, aerobic bacteria has less time to break down and digest nutrients. Plus, by keeping acids from eating at the silo walls, silo life is extended," Durhman notes.

"With the liners you can make old leaky silos, that would otherwise be unusable, productive again, or use rented silos without having the replastering expense."

To install the 6 mil. liner you fasten one end of the bag to a 1/2-in. fiberglass hoop. You then raise the hoop and plastic to the top of the silo and secure the bag to the top of the

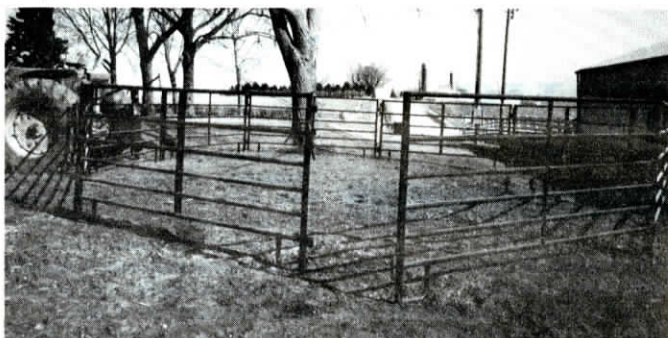
staves. You can pull the liner up with the silo unloader, or by hand with one person climbing up the silo chute and another person pulling it up from the outside ladder.

Durhman notes that you'd cut the liner along the silo doors as you empty the silo. To reuse the liner the following year, you could then put tar paper against the silo doors.

Cost for the plastic liner runs about 80 cents per ton of silage. Liners are available to fit 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 ft. dia. silos. They come in three standard lengths of 50, 75 and 100 ft.

A reusable hoop for a 16 by 75 ft. silo sells for \$71.63. Liner sells for \$265.60.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, GeneralStor, 475 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 55102 (ph 800 328-6795, ext. 229).



Gates are 10 ft. long, 50 in. high (32 in. for hogs) and come in sets of 15.

**MOVE THEM QUICKLY TO  
WHEREVER THEY'RE NEEDED**

## Portable Corral Gates Easy To Carry On 3-Pt.

Quick corral set-up in any pasture is an easy chore with new "Gates On Wheels" that transport on any tractor 3-pt.

"The idea came to me one day when I had two loads of cattle scheduled to sell. I got to thinking how nice it would be if I could put a few bales down in the field to get the cattle together in one place and then set up a corral around them. It would have been too much work at the time but with this new portable corral you can set up anywhere in minutes," says farmer-inventor Ken Hackert, Sully, Iowa.

"Gates On Wheels" consist of a set of 15 corral gates 10 ft. long that mount together in a neat package for 3-pt. transport. The gates are all carried by one main gate that has fittings for the 3-pt. and long carrying



hooks at either end. All the other gates are carried on these hooks.

Made from 15 ga. steel tubing, cattle gates stand 50 in. tall and sell for \$55.70 apiece. Hog gates, 32 in. tall, sell for \$50.94 apiece. Skid steel loader attachments also available.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Ken Hackert, Rt. 1, Sully, Iowa 50251 (515 594-2752).