



"World's First" Fold-Up Cornhead

You've never seen anything like this new fold-up cornhead that lets you narrow-up wide heads automatically from the cab by hydraulically folding outside rows.

The first-of-its-kind head, built by a German manufacturer, was on display at the recent Fieragricola farm show in Verona, Italy. "We're the first company in the world to build a folding cornhead. We don't operate cornheads bigger than 6 rows in Germany but we could easily build 8 or 12-row folding heads for export," manufacturer Carl Geringhoff told FARM SHOW.

With the use of an adaptor kit, Geringhoff says his cornhead will fit any combine. In addition to the innovative folding design, the cornhead also features cornstalk shredding rotor blades positioned below the snapper rollers on the underside of the header. They chop up stalks on-the-go as you harvest.

In the folded position, the machine raises up both the outside row divider and the first row snout. A pair of 3-ft., 3-in. dia. hydraulic cylinders, mounted horizontally above the feederhouse, provide the lift. The feeder auger and row unit drive shaft couple and uncouple automatically as the header hinges. There's nothing to connect or fasten manually when making the fold. The header can only be used when both wings are in the working position.

When folded, the 6-row head is just 9 ft. wide. Geringhoff notes that the folding header costs about 20% more than conventional headers. An added feature of the machine is that each row unit tilts up vertically for easy service.

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On-The-Go Big Baler

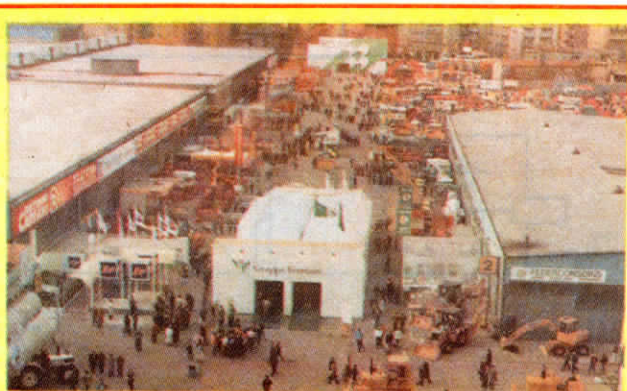
Last year Claas introduced the world's first on-the-go round baler that has a second chamber that starts forming a new bale while the first is tied and ejected, eliminating the need to stop (see FARM SHOW Vol. 10, No. 5).

Now an Italian firm has entered the market with its own "no stop" baler that features an up-front holding chamber that holds incoming hay until the completed bale is tied and ejected.

Manufacturer Franco Supertino told FARM SHOW that at about \$21,000, the no-stop bale costs about \$8,000 more than the company's conventional round baler. "Time is money so for many farmers, and custom operators, it is easily worth the extra money," he says. The

Supertino baler uses a roller equipped chamber to form bales. When a bale reaches full size, the bale chamber shuts down and hay accumulates in layers in the forward chamber. Once the bale's been ejected and the chamber reopens, hay feeds into the bale chamber at an accelerated rate so there's no need to slow up or compensate to aid the flow of backed-up material. The Supertino machine features a pickup and fork-feeding system that's specially suited to work as well in cornstalks and other crop residues as in hay. Makes 5-ft. dia. soft-core bales.

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Best New Ideas From Europe

FARM SHOW editors cover all major shows in the United States, Canada and foreign countries to keep you and other readers posted on latest new products. Featured here are just a few "best of the show" ideas which caught Editor Mark Newhall's eye at the recent 1987 SIMA show, the International Exhibition of Farm Machinery, in Paris, France, and at the Fieragricola in Verona, Italy. The SIMA show, widely recognized as the biggest farm show in the world, attracted more than 1 million people to its 1,800 exhibits from 30 different countries. The Fieragricola, one of four big Italian shows each year, attracted more than 500,000 people from 80 different countries to view 2,500 exhibits. The photo above is an overview of the Fieragricola in Italy.



New machine "blows" cut hay into two windrows. Air blasts out of narrow opening just above ground surface (see photo below).

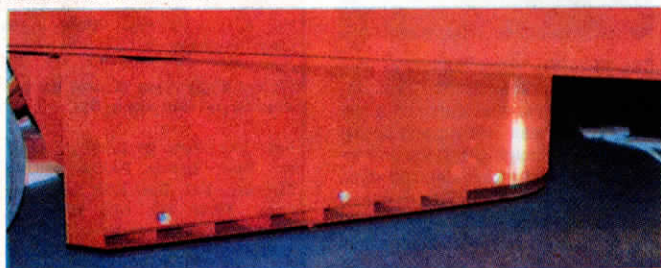
Air-Powered Windrower

"It's the best windrower ever built," says farmer-inventor Francis Carree, Loudeac, France, about the air-powered machine he designed and now manufactures.

The V-shaped machine uses a high-volume, pto-powered blower to turn cut hay and move it into windrows. The blower is mounted on top of the 12-ft. wide machine. Beneath the canvas that covers the sides of the machine is a metal housing that comes to a rounded up-front "V". Near the ground, a 1-in. opening directs the flow of air out to the crop, blowing it back along the sides of the machine into two windrows.

"There are no metal parts that can break off and get into the crop and the blower doesn't pick up rocks or other foreign objects. It's also extremely easy on leaves," says Carree. The windrower, which sells for \$6,400, requires a minimum 55 hp. tractor. Carree is in the process of working out a deal with a distributor in Canada but would like to find representation in the U.S.

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