

BRINGS THEM UP OUT OF THEIR HOLES

New "Call" A Sure-Fire Way To Get Gophers

"There are calls for ducks, coyotes, deer, elk and many other animals, so why not one for gophers," says Charlie Andrews, who along with Kevin Caine, has just introduced the world's first gopher call. They say it brings them right up out of their tunnels so you can shoot them. Works on pocket and striped gophers.

The two men got the idea from a 1977 Subaru with a squeaky door. Whenever Andrews opened the door, he noticed gophers would come out of the ground. So he and Caine set out to make an artificial call that would sound just like the squeaky door.

"It makes the same whistle, chirping-type noise that gophers make," Andrews says. "What makes this different from any other animal call is that you suck through it instead of blow into it."

It consists simply of a 5 1/2-in. spiral tube inside a hand-held hardwood box. Sucking air out the box produces a staccato whistle that carries across an entire pasture.

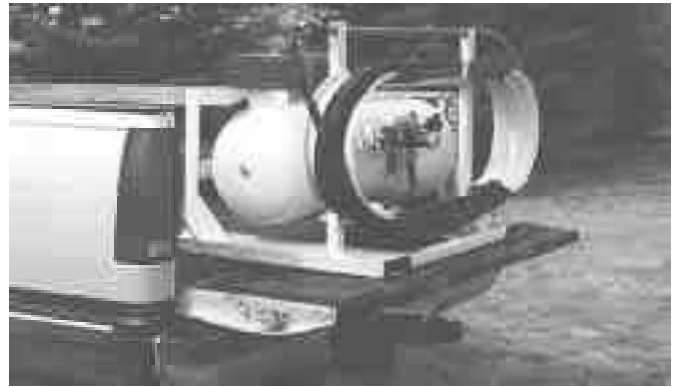


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K.C.'s Call makes a chirping-type noise that attracts gophers.

Using the call, Andrews and Caine can shoot gophers for six or eight hours without moving from one spot. "We've killed as many as 300 gophers each in a day. The call also appears to work on prairie dogs, wood chucks and badgers," Andrews says.

Sells for \$11.95.

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It costs about \$30 per tank to kill gophers with anhydrous and each tank treats 300 to 500 holes, Maze says.

"GIVES VIRTUALLY 100 PERCENT KILL"

He Kills Gophers With Anhydrous Ammonia

Here's a relatively low-cost system for exterminating gophers, ground squirrels, prairie dogs and just about any other burrowing rodent you can think of.

It's the "Gophinator", built last summer by Unity, Sask., seedsman Keith Maze.

"I use it to inject anhydrous ammonia vapor, which is heavier than air, into pocket gopher holes and rat holes under grain bins. It gives you virtually 100 percent kill," Maze says.

It consists of a 25-gal. propane tank retrofitted with metal fittings to handle anhydrous ammonia. The tank mounts on a frame that's lifted into the box of Maze's 1/2-ton pickup with a forklift. Fifty feet of ammonia hose is fitted with a 3 1/2 ft. wand made of 1/2-in. dia. pipe with 3 ft. of flexible hose on the end. Valves on the tank and each end of the hose control flow of the gas.

To operate it, Maze first locates the tunnel

with a rod or stick. Then he inserts the flexible hose into the hole and turns on the gas. A 20-second blast of vapor, which sinks down into the tunnel system and underground dens, is enough to do the job in most cases, Maze notes.

It costs \$30 (Canadian) to fill the tank, which is big enough to take care of 300 to 500 holes, Maze says.

"I used to be an anhydrous ammonia dealer so I'm well aware of the risks involved in using this product," he emphasizes. "I always wear goggles and gloves and check the wind direction to make sure it's blowing away from me before I use it."

Out-of-pocket expenses were \$1,500 (Canadian).

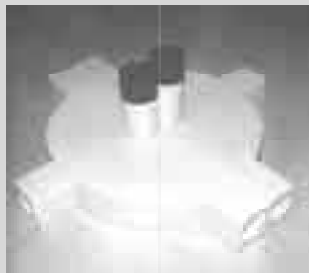
Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Keith Maze, Box 985, Unity, Sask., Canada S0K 4L0 (ph 306 398-2869 or 2637).

"Rainproof" Rodent Bait Station

New rodent bait station lets you place rat or gopher bait anywhere without worrying that it will get wet, or that pets or other wildlife will get into the poison.

The "Gofur Getter" consists of a poly semi-circular dish that has three openings leading into it and a capped fill tube on top where you drop bait.

"It keeps the bait off the ground so it stays dry," says Bill Cunningham, ProMold Marketing, Onoway, Alberta. "A molded lip at the edge of each opening also helps to keep water out. The semi-circular design lets you place the dish against a fence or building. Two dishes can be placed together to form a circular split feeding station with six openings leading into it. A tire placed on top of both dishes keeps them in place." A single dish



Waterproof design keeps bait dry.

sells for \$23.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, ProMold Marketing, Inc., Box 180, 4311 Industrial Ave., Onoway, Alberta, Canada T0E 1V0 (ph 403 967-2533).



Hesston Stak Mover bolts to frame of Dodge 2-ton truck.

Pickup-Mounted Hesston Stack Mover

An old pull-type Hesston "Stak Mover" mounted on a used 1-ton pickup makes a great low-cost hay mover, says Martin Nyland, La Glace, Alberta.

"It lets me move hay fast over long distances and saves a lot of wear and tear on my tractor. Best of all, it didn't cost much to build," says Nyland.

He already had the Chevy 1-ton Dually pickup and the Hesston 30 two-wheeled Stak Mover. He cut the pickup frame off

behind the cab and replaced it with the frame off an old Dodge 2-ton truck, keeping the Chevy's original rear wheels and axle so the frame would bear as low to the ground as possible. He removed the wheels and axles from the 16-ft. long Stak Mover and bolted the deck onto the new frame. He mounted a homemade portable hydraulic unit on the frame just behind the cab. A 10 hp Briggs & Stratton engine belt-drives a hydraulic pump that powers orbit motors on the Stak

Farmer Invents "Rodent Ridder"

An 84-year-old Minnesota farmer claims he's invented the "ultimate" gopher getter. The "Rodent Ridder" also doubles as a soil probe, fertilizer applicator or tree planter when it's not being used to poison gophers.

Willie Elsing's trap took top honors earlier this year at the South Dakota Inventor's Congress and drew a lot of attention at the recent Minnesota Inventors Congress as well.

It consists of a 3/4-in. dia. probe. It

pokes poison down into gophers' tunnels without alerting the animals that something's wrong.

Elsing, who worked on the device eight years before perfecting it, patented the Rodent Ridder last year and has already sold more than 300 units.

Sells for \$36.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rodent Ridder Co., 107 Johnsen Road, R.R. 1, Rushmore, Minn. 56168.

Mover.

He removed the Stak Mover's original hinges for tilting the deck up or down and made new ones farther back so the back end of the deck would reach the ground. He also removed the original cylinder that raised or lowered the deck and replaced it with a longer one.

"I use it all winter long to feed cattle," says Nyland. "By putting chains on the tires I can plow through 1 1/2-ft. deep snow. To feed my cattle I climb on top of the stack and fork off the hay while someone else drives ahead. I got the idea after I rented a farm 12 miles from my home. At first I pulled the Stak Mover behind a Chevy 3/4-ton 4-WD 'Dually' pickup and mounted the

portable hydraulic unit behind the cab. It worked good but if I went fast it was rough and the pickup didn't have enough traction or power.

"The new frame on the 1-ton pickup is about 6 ft. longer than the original one so I had to have a new driveshaft made. The hydraulic pump is off an old truck and was originally pto-driven. I removed the pto shaft and mounted a big pulley on the pump and a small pulley on the engine crankshaft in order to slow it down. To start the engine I simply grab the big pulley and give it a whirl. It's easier to use than pulling a rope."

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