

## Made It Myself

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### Cow Catching Hay Feeder

Here's a relatively easy way to "catch" cows for artificial breeding. Henry Pirok, Highland, Ill., built stanchions with headlocks into a stand-alone wood hay feeder in his feedlot.

The headboards at each feeding station slide up on inside slots made of strap iron. The V-shaped feed opening is formed by a pair of angled 2 by 6's. As the animal feeds, Pirok simply pulls a pin and slides the headboard down over her neck. She's then held in position for the AI technician.

Pirok built the big hay feeder by anchoring poles in concrete. It has a flat metal roof. A gate on one side opens to let a tractor in with big bales.

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### Fence Wire Dispenser

"I came up with this idea when I recently got a herd of Nubian goats. The board and barbed wire fences we already had for horses and cattle were not sufficient for the goats and I had to put up a lot of new fencing myself with no help," says Warren O. Drye, Charlotte, N.C.

"I've used it for the last year and it works like a dream on both panel fencing. It'll hold a 220-ft. roll of fencing. You can also slip on rolls of barbed wire, one roll on top of another.

"The rig mounts between the lift arms



on the tractor. I used an old drawbar for the pivot point beneath the wire roll. It can be dropped down to the ground to make it easy to slip the roll on. The rest of it was made out of scrap metal. The only parts I bought were 3-pt. hitch pins.

"The wire feeds out between an upright 2 by 4 and a pipe that mounts on one side of the dispenser for tensioning. You can switch the board and pipe to the other side."

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### ATV Lift Boom

The number of uses for this ATV-mounted lift boom are nearly endless, says Fred Garner, who attached the boom to steel flat plates bolted to the carry rack on back of his 4-wheeler.

He uses it to carry bales, fence posts, firewood, wire, baby calves, and other heavy objects.

"It's ideal for anyone with back, heart or

lung problems who cannot lift," says Garner, who's not supposed to do any heavy lifting.

The boom is fitted with a hand winch for lifting. It folds down when not in use. When up, it swivels back and forth.

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### Farmer-Built Gravity Boxes "Best On the Market"

"I started building my first gravity box just before harvest last fall and finished it in about two weeks," says James Berglund, Iona, Minn., who was so pleased with his heavy-built grain cart he started building units for sale.

"Other farmers who've seen my first model asked if I'd build one for them. So this winter we're making more for sale, at a price that's \$400 to \$500 under the price of similar capacity boxes from major manufacturers. But my grain cart is better in every way," says Berglund.

The box is made of heavy 3/16-in. thick

steel salvaged from upright steel storage tanks. "That makes it heavier than any other wagon out there. The slope at the bottom of the box is steeper than a Demco box so that it empties out completely - even with high moisture corn."

Berglund's cart holds 400 bu. of 56-lb. test weight corn and measures 8 ft. wide and 13 ft. long. The 4-wheel chassis has a front steering axle.

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### Easy Way To Carry Spare Field Cultivator Shovels

A pair of bolts welded onto each side of a field cultivator hitch provides an easy way to carry spare shovels, says Woody Stewart, Rockglen, Sask.

Stewart welded two 3/8-in. dia. bolts vertically onto each side of the hitch, spacing them the same distance apart as the holes in the shovels.

"I carry used shovels on one side and new ones on the other side. It works much better than carrying spare shovels in the back

of my pickup because the shovels are always with the cultivator," says Stewart. "I've used this idea on my 24-ft. field cultivator and also on my 54-ft. field cultivator. The bolts can be 6 to 12 in. long. I stack four or five shovels on each set of bolts."

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