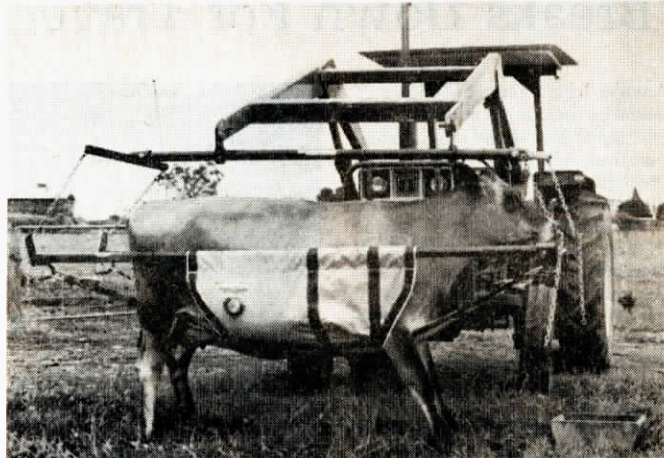


Handy New Lifts For "Down" Livestock



Sling can be used to lift hogs, horses, sheep or cattle.



"Cowlifter" attaches to tractor loader in place of the bucket.

Sling Lift For Loaders

The Multi-Purpose Animal Sling, invented by Iowa veterinarian, Dr. Dale Welbourn, of Neola, lets you use your tractor and loader to lift down animals.

"The down animal can be lifted and held upright with slight pressure on its feet. A cow, for example, can be lifted for an hour or so, three or four times each day. This helps her and also, in the case of a just-freshened cow or heifer, lets the calf nurse at the same time," Welbourn explains.

The sling, made of "super tough" canvas has 10 nylon straps connecting it to a rectangular pipe frame. The pipe frame attaches to the loader via two nylon straps with hooks on the end which hitch to a log chain fas-

tened to the loader bucket.

Straps around the front and rear keep the animal from slipping out of the sling.

Welbourn notes that the sling can lift 3,000 lbs. and can be used to lift beef or dairy animals, hogs, horses or sheep. Animals can be transported while in the sling.

The entire assembly rolls up to fit into a 3-ft. long bag for storage.

Welbourn, who's in the process of lining up a manufacturer, estimates that the retail cost will be under \$200.

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Nylon "Cowlifter" Sling

Latest new way to lift animals that go down in pastures or stanchions is the "Cowlifter", a handy animal handler that eliminates pressure points that can cause bruising or other bodily damage.

For animals down in open areas, the Cowlifter fits on tractor front and rear end loaders. It attaches to block and tackle for cows down in stanchions.

The Cowlifter features a support pole, outfitted with two adjustable brackets, that attaches to the loader in place of the bucket. The brackets adjust to fit the loader arms but should be spaced at least 2 ft. apart so the animal's weight is spread out across the pole.

Two 8-ft. long poles hang on chains from the support pole. The chains let

you adjust the distance between the support pole and the sling frame.

The washable sling, made of heavy-duty, PVC-strengthened nylon webbing, slips under the animal and attaches to the 8-ft. poles. A strap runs under the cow's front legs, and two other adjustable straps run down under each side of the animal between the udder and each back leg, attaching to hooks at the back of the poles.

Cowlifters have a lifting capacity of 3,310 lbs. and sell for \$432.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, James E. Baker, 12748 New Windsor Road, Union Bridge, Maryland 21791 (ph 301 898-5567).

Animal Lifting Net

One of the more unusual means of lifting and moving downer cows or other animals is the "Animal Lifting Net", developed by an English farmer. It lets you use your tractor loader to lift and move down animals.

The 8 ft. by 10 ft. net, resembling a fish net or hammock, is made of nylon rope and has six cords that attach to the loader bucket. To use, you unroll the net next to the down animal, then roll the animal onto the net. Next, attach the four corners and the two center lifting cords to the bucket and lift the animal off the ground.

The Animal Lifting Net sells for right at \$80, plus shipping and handling.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Manus (Great Britain) Limited, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, Great Britain, GL56 0HJ (ph 0608 50836).



The 8 by 10-ft. lifting net looks like a king-size hammock.

Sling Lift Fits Stanchions

The just-introduced Miller Cow Mobile wheels into stanchions as well as open areas to pick up down animals and transport them to other areas.

It's equipped with a 2 ft. wide, 5 ft. long, nylon/polyester webbing, strong enough to handle a 2,000 lb. cow.

To lift an animal, you first pull a 3 in. wide, 6 ft. long, strap under the cow's brisket, behind the front legs. Attach each end of the strap to a "come along" and raise the animal just high enough so the sling can be slid underneath the animal. Next, attach the corner of the sling to the four "come alongs" and raise the animal. Another strap is provided to place around the animal's back haunches for added support.

The Miller Cow Mobile fits in stanchions 42 in. wide. It's 6 ft. 6 in. high and 6 ft. long. Sells for \$760,

which includes the webbing, slings and "come alongs".

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"Cow Mobile" fits into 42 in. wide stanchions.