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RESCUE, REHABILITATE CATTLE AND HORSES

Rolling "Bed" For Large Farm Animals

You can rescue and rehabilitate downed cows and horses with the world's first and only Large Animal Hospital Bed.

From W.W. Livestock Systems, the unit tows behind a truck or tractor and makes it easy to feed, water and then gradually exercise downed animals during rehabilitation. It also allows calves and foals to nurse from injured cows and mares.

"Everything on it is adjustable for different size cows and horses," says Texas inventor F.W. Lynch of the unit he started developing for his own stock cows about 18 years ago.

One person can lift an animal up evenly with the winched belts and straps until it clears the ground. A breast harness placed over the animal's head allows it to exercise and graze while in the unit. The bed's front wheel can be locked at a 45 degree angle to allow a recovering animal to walk

the unit around in a circle. You can move the animal to another location by simply securing cradle chains to the side of the unit and hitching it to a truck or tractor.

Lynch says he once transported an injured cow comfortably from Texas to Montana in the unit.

The Large Animal Bed features 2,500-lb. capacity winches, 2-in. ball hitch for easy portability, heavy 8-in. wide belts for slings and cradles, a heavy-duty plastic roof with gutter, three 15-in. wheels for easy towing, and attachments for feed and water troughs.

The Bed is 12-ft. long by 6-ft. 4-in. wide by 8-ft. 6-in. high. It weighs about 1,240 lbs. Retail price is \$3,025.

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Tarp is designed to cover only the stack's crown.

ONE MAN CAN PUT IT ON

"Bale Blanket" For Big Round Bales

"My new bale tarp lets one person build and cover a stack of 15 round bales in only 10 to 15 minutes. The smaller stacks let you remove a few bales at a time from the stack without having to expose a lot of bales," says inventor Scot Benson.

The new-style tarps are designed to cover only the stack's crown. Bales are arranged in three layers, with six bales on the first and second layers and three on top. The bottom layer of bales is arranged in three rows of two with the bales placed on end on wooden pallets or truck tires. A pair of tie-down ropes is placed across each pair

of bales. Once all 15 bales are in place, the tarp is unfolded at the base of the stack, leaving the stitched hem facing upward. One corner of the tarp is tied about 2 ft. from the top of the base bale, then the two end ropes are tied together. One end is tied to the loose end of the tarp, and the other end is tied to a block so that the tarp can be thrown over the stack. The process is repeated on the other end of the stack. You then pull one end of the tarp over, then the other end, and adjust the tarp evenly on both sides of the stack, and detach the end ropes used to pull the tarp over.



Compartmentalized "commodity sheds" form bins 8 1/2 ft. high, 12 to 14 ft. wide.

MADE FROM PRECAST CONCRETE WALLS COVERED BY A METAL ROOF

"Commodity Sheds" For Perishable Feed Storage

You can store corn starch, soybean meal, cottonseed, brewer's grain, gluten, and other highly perishable feed ingredients in new, compartmentalized "commodity sheds" made by Wieser Concrete Products, Inc., Maiden Rock, Wis.

The "commodity sheds" are made from precast concrete walls that form bins generally 8 1/2 ft. high and 12 to 14 ft. wide. The company usually sets up a row of sheds 40 to 60 ft. long. Wieser constructs the precast concrete walls and the farmer hires a local contractor to build a roof which slopes down from front to back, leaving an opening in front that's high enough for a semi truck to back up into the shed and dump its load.

"It lets you buy feed supplements in volume whenever they're at a low price," says

sales manager Phil Miller. "The sheds are becoming popular with dairy farmers who hire nutritionists to make total mixed rations that complement their basic feeds, such as corn or hay silage. Width and length of the bins depends on herd size, but most farmers build sheds with 4 to 8 different bins. A front-end loader or skid steer loader can be used to load out the feed. To change the shape or size of the shed you can remove the roof, pick up the precast concrete panels, and move them."

Prices range from \$8,000 to \$58,000 depending on the number of sheds and type of roof.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Wieser Concrete Products, Inc., W3716 U.S. Hwy. 10, Maiden Rock, Wis. 54750 (ph 800 325-8456 or 715 647-2311).

GIVES SAW A 12-IN. CUT

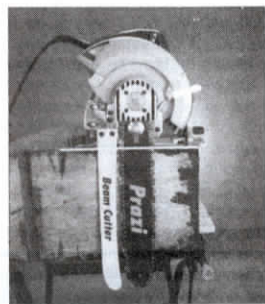
Kit Turns Circular Saw Into Giant Cutting Tool

You can cut barn beams, fence posts or other big pieces of wood faster and more accurately than you could with either a chain saw or circular saw using a beam cutting kit that fits onto your circular saw.

The Prazi Beam Cutter rips to a depth of 12 in. The kit fits Black & Decker, Makita, Bosch, Jepsen and Dewalt circular saws. Installs with three bolts in 60 seconds.

Model PR 7000 for worm drives sells for \$149; model PR 2000 for sidewinders sells for \$139.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Prazi USA, 118 Long Pond Rd., Unit G, Plymouth, Mass. 02360 (ph 800-262-0211; fax 508 746-8655).



Prazi Beam Cutter can cut right through railroad ties.

"It takes one person only 5 to 7 minutes to make a stack of 15 bales and 7 to 10 minutes to put the tarp on," says Benson. "I came up with the design after we tried using conventional one-piece tarps. It took several people 3 to 4 hours to cover a stack of 60 to 100 bales and I had a hard time keeping the tarp secured. Another problem was that if I wanted to remove only a few bales I had to re-secure the tarp or leave the entire stack exposed. And the big tarps didn't work well on smaller stacks. If I want to use three bales per day, I can untie only the first section of tarp and let it hang down. When I need bales from the second row, I remove the rest of the tarp. There's no need

to cover the bottom layer of bales because water runs off the tarp without contacting the first layer. I've had hay covered for two years that's still in its original condition.

"The nylon material is more expensive than polyethylene so my cost per ton covered is about the same. However, the nylon is stronger and will last much longer."

A 14 by 20-ft. tarp designed for 4 by 5-ft. or 4 by 6-ft. bales sells for \$80. A 16 by 20-ft. tarp designed for 5 by 5-ft. or 5 by 6-ft. bales sells for \$85.

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