

Best New Products, Ideas From Europe

FARM SHOW Editor Mark Newhall recently traveled to England to cover the Royal Show, which is held each year near Coventry. Featured here and on the following page are some of the new products and ideas that caught his eye.



Calf Suckling "Creche"

"We came up with the idea on our own farm to put an end to multi suckling problems," says Peter Johnson inventor and manufacturer of a new Calf Suckling Creche which consists of a half-moon circle of feed pans with a series of gates that hold the cow in place while in the feeding position so calves can suckle.

The gates keep cows from kicking calves or moving away, but allow the calf easy access to milk. The system can also be used to catch cows for routine veterinary procedures.

Individual gates swing back and forth on pivots. There are two on either side of each cow. They're held in place by a chain that's drawn across back of each pair of gates.

The 4-cow creche sells for \$1,120. It's portable and can be moved easily, or it can be anchored in concrete. An 8-cow unit is also available.

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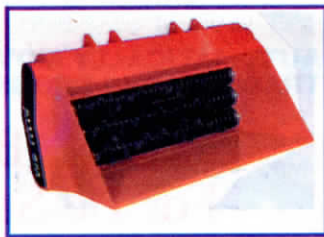
Chopper Bucket For Front-End Loaders

New loader bucket is fitted with hydraulic-driven chopper rollers in back that can be used to pulverize or blend all types of materials - feed, fertilizer, top soil, compost, glass bottles, leaves, etc.

Different types of chopper rollers are available for different jobs. Some do a more aggressive job of chopping, while others act more like a screen or filter. The drive gears on the sides of the bucket are completely enclosed.

Available in widths from 3 ft. wide up to 12 ft. wide.

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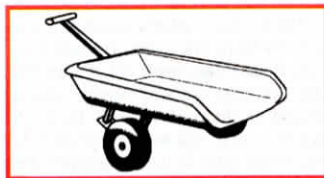
Gannon U.K. Ltd., Welbourn, Lincoln LN5 0QJ United Kingdom (ph 01400 272475; fax 01400 272303).

New Style, One-Handled Wheelbarrow

You can haul heavier loads with less effort with this new-design wheelbarrow that has a pair of wheels in back rather than a single wheel in front.

It also has just a single handle and, since most of the weight is carried over the wheels, you push down on the handle to get the cart moving rather than lifting up the weight inside.

Extension sides are available, as well as a hitch that pulls the wheelbarrow behind a garden tractor.



Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Trailerbarrow company, Freepost TN 1586, Uckfield, East Sussex TN22 4BR United Kingdom.

"Warm Air" Hose Blanket

"It works better than any other method on the market," says the manufacturer of the "Trocken-Max" warm air blanket for horses that uses warm air from a small blower to quickly dry down sweated-up horses.

It'll dry down a horse in just 10 min., circulating warm air to all important parts of the body. Air circulates from the blower through a hose to a blanket made of durable nylon. It has hundreds of tiny holes on the inside that let air out against the animal's skin.

Sells for right at \$750.



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New "Pre-Separation" Rotor

A new pre-separation rotor that mounts ahead of the existing combine cylinder won a silver medal for Claas in the new product competition at the Royal Show in England.

The add-on rotor is designed to improve feeding of the crop into the main cylinder and to also thresh the most easily detached seeds and separate them from the straw. It's fitted with stainless steel wear plates and has its own concave mounted immediately ahead of the main concave. Regardless of the speed setting of the main cylinder, the add-on rotor always rotates 20 percent

slower. Both concaves are adjusted proportionally by a single lever.

According to Claas, farmers who've tried the new system say it evens out feeding, boosts capacity with few blockages, lessens grain damage, and is easy to set.

The new rotor system is standard on Claas "Mega" combines which are not yet available in North America.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Claas Of America, 3030 Norcross Dr., Box 3008, Columbus, Ind. 47202 (ph 812 342-4441).

"Wheelbarrow" Calf Puller

"We're the manufacturer of the revolutionary new calf puller that was featured in an earlier issue of FARM SHOW. We wanted to let any readers who had trouble getting more information about this unique product that they should contact us our U.S. distributor," says Chris Abts of Aluro in Belgium.

The new puller looks like a long narrow wheelbarrow, with a wheel on one end and handles at the others. The handle end of the unit fits over the rear end of a calf, while the wheel is used to winch up steel cable used to pull the calf. Once the calf is out, the unit can be used to move it around.

"Unlike other pullers, it lets you calve either lying down or standing up. One person can easily pull the calf, and the wheel lets you feel the contractions of the cow. It



can also be used to hang the calf by its feet when needed in case of dyspnoea," says Abts, noting that the unit can also double as a dead animal handler.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Aluro USA, 4429 Barwyn Lane, Plano, Texas 75093.

Strip-Till Unit For Planting Trees

When "dragged" along the ground by a small farm tractor, this new strip tiller unit removes surface vegetation and digs up the surface down to several inches to make it easy to plant small tree seedlings.

Developed in Sweden, the big metal star wheel is designed to work over sticks and small branches. The star wheel trips manually or automatically, depending on the model, if vegetation or debris build up in front of it, or it hits a solid object.

The automatic trip version sells for right at \$2,000.

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