

Reader Letters



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This is not a new idea but it works well. I use 5-gal. plastic buckets to make a flexible spout for the end of grain augers. You cut off the bottom of each bucket and then



"nest" them together. Makes it easy to direct the flow of grain without having to get the end of the auger right into the hole.

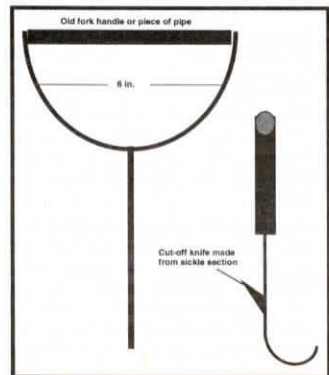
I'm also enclosing photos of the way I make use of old hammermill screens. The



one photo shows how I mount a small pump and an electric motor on a screen. Works good because there are so many holes to bolt to. I also use old hammermill screens on top of burning barrels. Keeps material from flying out and they're heavy enough so they won't blow off themselves. (Peter Brosinsky Box 242, Bashaw, Alberta T0B 0H0 Canada)



I made this handy hay hook out of a lineum knife. I welded a hook to the back side of the blade to lift bales, and I use the blade to cut twine strings. (Don Helmer, Rt. 1, Box 177, Spearfish, S.Dak. 57783 ph 605 642-8411)



I made a handy hay hook that's comfortable and easy to use. I can hold it even with heavy mittens on. It's 6 in. wide and fitted with an old fork handle or a piece of pipe. Then I welded a sharp cut-off knife, made from a piece of an old sickle section, to the back of the hook to use to cut twine. Works good. (Donald Haman, Rt. 3, Box 71, Wadena, Minn. 56482 ph 218 385-3677)

Livestock producers in North America who are interested in trying New Zealand-style methods of intensive grazing and seasonal,

grass-based dairying have been hampered by the lack of access to the type of equipment used by farmers in New Zealand. To change the situation, the New Zealand Machinery Company is interested in working with individuals or farm implement dealers in North America to import their equipment on an order basis. Equipment available includes flail foragers for grass silage, feedout wagons, flail mulching mowers, rotary slasher mowers, spinner ditchers, and high speed post drivers and post hole diggers. All equipment is heavy-built, comes with a one-year warranty, and is designed to fit Cat. 1 or 2 linkage. Anyone interested should contact: Vaughn Jones, 71 Newcastle Rd., Hamilton, New Zealand ph 64-7-847-3029; fax 64-7-846-3355. (Ken Scharabok, P.O. Box 792, Waverly, Tenn. 37185)



I'm sending along a photo of an International cotton harvester that has been converted over to an onion sack loader. We do not grow cotton here in Colorado but we do grow 23,000 acres of onions. Some growers "bulk" harvest them while others hand sack them and then store the sacks in the field until the onions cure in the sacks. This onion sack loader is for farmers who do it the second way. Once the onions are "cured", the sacks are loaded into a truck by the converted IH cotton harvester. One man sits on a seat at the bottom of the conveyor to pull the sacks on. As the sacks travel up the conveyor, a man at the top of the machine dumps them out of the sacks into a small hopper, from which they're elevated into a truck running alongside. He tosses the empty sacks into the hopper where the harvested cotton would normally be carried. (Gordon Potter, Ellis & Capp Equipment Co., Case-IH dealer, 301 E. 8th St., Greeley, Colo. 80631 ph 303 352-9141 or 9246)

I thought you might like to know that I send your magazine to my brother who lives in England and raises wheat in East Anglia. Of all the magazines he receives, he tells me he finds FARM SHOW the most interesting. Some time back he invented a new type of plow and even won a trip to Sweden. (Diana Brissie, 1908 White Pine Dr., North Augusta, S.C. 39841)

I'm writing to tell you that I won't be renewing my subscription since I'm approaching 79 years old and recently had open heart surgery and don't do too much anymore. However, I built many things over the years. I sure could have used FARM SHOW in the 1930's and 40's, since there was nothing like it at the time. I wish you the very best in the future. (Trygve R. Stave, Box 879, Stanley, N.Dak. 58784)

Here's a way to take odors out of homes and other buildings. Put 3 cups of calcium chloride in a nylon stocking and hang it up with a bucket positioned underneath. The bucket will catch water that's taken out of the air by the calcium chloride along with the odors.

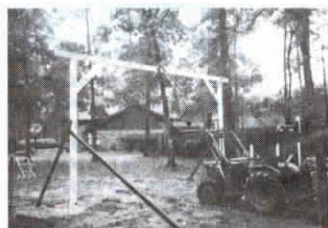
Another idea is to cut the top off a gallon milk jug and set a smaller container with holes punched in it inside the jug. Then fill the smaller container with calcium chloride. Put four or more of these in your cellar or basement and it'll eliminate moisture problems. You can shut off your dehumidifier. You should not dump the water you collect into your septic tank and be careful with it since it will kill grass.

Calcium chloride can be purchased at most farm stores and hardware stores. It can also be used to melt snow and ice in winter time. (Harold Bailey, "The Friendly Trapper", 3014 Middletown Rd., Columbiana, Ohio 44408 ph 216 549-2010)

We recently remodeled a bathroom in our house to make it safer and more practical for use by the elderly. We installed a telephone at about the height of the toilet and we also mounted a 3-ft. long grab bar on the wall next to the shower at about 2 ft. off the floor. Both these would be easily accessible if someone fell. We also surface-mounted a mirrored cabinet to bring it about 4 in. closer to users who are nearsighted. And we put lights alongside the mirror down low enough to eliminate under-the-chin shadow. (H.M., Knox County, Ill.)

I was pleased to see my drawing of the treatment pen I made for working dairy cattle in the last issue of FARM SHOW (Vol. 19, No. 2). However, I would have liked to have seen it right side up. Your readers should turn page 36 upside down to get a true picture of how the pen works. (Lloyd C. Finkbeiner, 5573 Austin Rd., Saline, Mich. 48176)

I'm sending along a photo of the way I mounted my 3-pt. mounted lift boom on my front-end loader bucket. Gives me a lot more height for a variety of lifting jobs. I



mounted it to the bucket by adding a bracket to the top of the bucket and a short piece of pipe inside the bucket. The boom mounts



We have a new product that we would like to tell your readers about. It's a portable expandable fiberglass building that can be made to be solar or non-solar and is ideal for livestock or as a garage, workshop, storage, or even as a long-lasting greenhouse. It's available in widths of 12, 16 and 20 ft. and is expandable in 2 ft. sections to any length. Doors, windows, vents, and sky-

lights can be placed anywhere for a truly customized building.

I'd like to say I love your magazine and I hope you produce another "Best of FARM SHOW" video tape soon. (Terry Benoit, 8314 Bobcat Rd., Orange, Tex. 77632)

I just finished reading through my first issue of FARM SHOW. I've never seen anything like it. I particularly liked the "Best & Worst Buys". I was interested in the comments by James Ferguson about his riding mower, which he said worked fine except that it lets out a large explosion when he turns the engine off. I'd like to tell him, and others who have similar problems with small engines, that they can avoid the problem by letting the engine idle for at least 15 sec. before turning it off. I've been a landscape maintenance foreman for 10 years and I have to continually tell the men to idle the engines before turning them off or they'll get an explosion from unburned gas. (Daniel Diener, 10620 Nevada St., Melrose Park, Ill. 60164)



I built this little loader tractor 20 years ago and it's still working. It has a 4-ft. bucket, a Ford pickup rear end, a '41 chevy transmission, a 4-cyl. Continental combine engine, live hydraulic pto on front to run augers and elevators, and front wheels off a Buick. It's been used primarily for cleaning calf and hog barns. We call it the "Budcat". (Orrin "Bud" Davis, Rt. 2, Box 108, Lake Park, Minn. 56554 ph 218 532-7858)

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