



New 2-in-1 bale mover carries 4 bales for in-line stacking on ground and 3 bales for vertical stacking.

**TAKES 60 SECONDS TO LOAD  
AND 10 SECONDS TO UNLOAD**

## “One Man” Machine Stacks Bales Vertically Or In-Line

One man working alone can load and stack big round bales vertically or horizontally (in line) with the new Flexi-Bale.

It's equipped with a hydraulically-operated push arm that moves each bale 5 ft. towards the rear as it's loaded onto the platform. Bales are pushed back “on the go” while the operator drives from one bale to the next.

“With bales close at hand, one man can load 4 bales in 60 seconds, and unload them in 10 seconds,” says Bernard Adam, inventor-manufacturer. “We think it's the fastest, most versatile and most cost-efficient bale handler on the market.”

With hay bales being stacked in-line on the ground, the loader can carry 4 bales. The operator can transport 6 bales to headquarters per trip (4 on the loader, 1 in the cradle and 1 on the front of the tractor). For stacking bales vertically, he can carry 5 bales per trip—3 on the loader (3 bales high is the limit for vertical stacking), 1 on the cradle and 1 on the front of the tractor. Single bales carried to headquarters on the cradle and tractor are dropped off, then picked up 3 or 4 at a time with the Flexi-Bale for vertical or horizontal stacking.

With silage bales, the Flexi-Bale's platform load limit for both vertical or in-line stacking is 3 bales because of the increased weight. It handles big round bales of varying sizes but won't handle big square bales, says Adam.



Bale-carrying platform tips up 90° to stack bales vertically.

Sells for \$5,950 (U.S. dollars).

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Up-front hydraulic push arm moves each bale to the rear as it's loaded.



Workers ride on steps at rear of platform, hopping down to pick up rocks as they spot them. “By standing instead of walking, kids can work 8 or 9 hrs. a day without tiring,” says the farmer-inventor.

## 40-FT. PLATFORM DUMPS HYDRAULICALLY

## “Stand-On” Rock Picker Less Tiring For Workers

By Bill Gergen, Associate Editor

“It allows kids to work longer without getting tired,” says Allan Scott, Sargeant, Minn., about his 40-ft. “stand-on” rock picker equipped with five picker stations mounted behind a 30-in. wide wooden platform.

Workers stand on steps about 1 ft. off the ground and hold onto handlebars as the rock picker moves forward. The steps are spaced about 8 ft. apart so each worker covers three 30-in. rows. They pile rocks on the platform which is “backstopped” by a 10-in. high front plank. Once the platform is full of rocks, the steps swing up against the handlebars and the driver hydraulically tips the platform to dump the rocks.

“I had been hiring kids to walk alongside a wagon, but after a few hours they got tired from walking in the loose soil and often went right by rocks without picking them up,” says Scott. “By standing instead of walking, they can work 8 or 9 hours a day without getting too tired. Another problem was that kids would sometimes run off to pick up rocks several rows away instead of staying in their designated area. Now every rider stays in his three-row area and they have a good view of rocks ahead of them so

they don't miss many. The driver goes about 2 mph but a little faster in fields with fewer rocks. In a half-mile long field we dump a load of rocks every round and we don't have to unload rocks manually like we did with the wagon.”

A 4-ft. long, 2-ft. wide “stretcher” is stored on the tongue and used for lifting large rocks that are too heavy for one person. There's also room on the tongue for lunch buckets, stereo speaker, and flags used to mark rocks that are too big to roll onto the stretcher.

Scott built the frame from 5-in. channel iron and bolted sheets of 3/4 in. plywood onto it. The platform consists of three sections - a 20-ft. middle section and two 10-ft. wings which are folded hydraulically for transport by a pair of 3 by 24-in. cylinders. A 3 by 8-in. cylinder tips the platform up to dump rocks. The unit rides on four 15-in. tires. The 12-in. sq. steps are made from plywood supported by angle iron. Each step mounts on a length of 2 by 2-in. steel tubing.

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Rock-picking platform folds for transport and also dumps hydraulically to the rear.