

THEY'LL FOOL ANYONE AT A DISTANCE

Stand-Up Animals Decorate Your Yard

People slam on their brakes when they drive by Jackie Rust's yard and see cows, hogs, sheep and other animals wandering around loose. They have to get a close-up look before they realize all those wandering animals aren't going anywhere.

Rust runs a booming business building "stand-up" animals out of plywood. She built the first ones for herself and had so much interest from neighbors and passersby she decided to sell a few. Now she can hardly keep up with demand.

"From a distance they look like the real thing. We can fool almost anyone until they get up close. You can have a lot of fun with them, posing them in unusual situations. We make half-size animals that you can put behind a tree or behind a building so it looks like they're peeking around the corner,"

says Rust. In addition to the cutouts, which stand from 3 1/2 ft. to 5 ft. tall, she has started a line of greeting cards showing pictures of the animal cutouts. She also sells smaller versions for mounting as silhouettes on the sides of buildings or on walls inside the house.

Stand-up animals are fashioned from 1/2-in. exterior plywood. Nearly any kind of farm animals is available but she says cows are among the most popular. The biggest demand is for Holsteins but she can also make Jerseys and Guernseys as well as Angus cattle. A full-size cow cut-out sells for \$45.

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Hostein cutouts (above) and geese (below) are two of the many animals Rust produces.



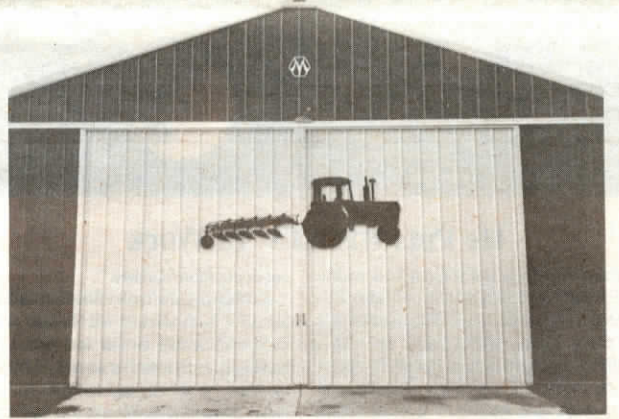
"DecorAnimals"

A Minnesota firm also makes stand-up animals as well as silhouettes for the sides of barns, garage doors, mailboxes and so on.

Hand cut from exterior hardboard, DecorAnimals, as they're called, come in hundreds of assorted sizes and configurations and includes fishing, hunting and wildlife scenes as well as farm machinery. The company can also personalize the cutouts with your farm name or a club logo.

Prices range from \$4.99 for a piglet to \$39.99 for a 6-ft. dairy cow. The company was started in 1983 by Larry Mages, a Lafayette, Minn., hog farmer who wanted to put silhouettes of hogs on his hog barn but couldn't find anything on the market. Now he sells throughout the U.S. and Canada.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, DecorAnimals, Rt. 1, Box 75, Lafayette, Minn. 56054 (ph 507 228-8557).



"IT'S THE ONLY KNIFE THAT CAN PEEL TOMATOES"

"Stripper" Knife Fitted With Thumb Protector

You've never seen anything like this new knife with an adjustable stripper gauge/thumb protector.

The gauge/protector is a short piece of spring steel with a coiled spring loop at either end. The two spring coils simply slip over the blade edge of the knife. To strip thin layers off vegetables, you slip the knife between the first and second coils. To take thicker cuts, you slip the knife between the second and third coils. As you cut, your thumb rests against the wire between the two coils, out of harms way.

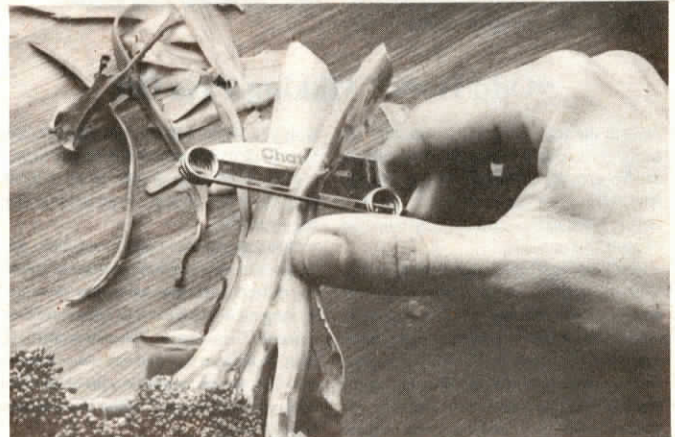
The combination stripper gauge/protector is sold together with a surgical steel 7-in.

paring knife. The company says the razor sharp knife and stripper gauge combine to make the only cutting device on the market that'll peel tomatoes.

"It's great for stripping the woody skin off broccoli and asparagus. We guarantee that this is the sharpest knife you've ever used or your money back," a company representative told FARM SHOW.

The knife and thumb protector sell for \$8.95.

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Knife lets you easily skin any fruit or vegetable.