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"On-The-Go" Weigh Scale For Loaders

A computerized hydraulic load weighing scale for use on front-end loaders and skid steer loaders has been introduced by Meadow Brook International, Oakdale, Calif.

"Supa Load II" is designed to work on any type of hydraulic lifting equipment. It weighs each load as it's lifted and keeps a running total. The unit can be calibrated in pounds, kilos, or tons, and has an accuracy of plus or minus 1%.

"This is the first computerized, electronic weighing system on the market," says Thomas Griffin, manufacturer. "It makes it possible to weigh each load rather than just spot check occasional loads on a stationary scale. Other mobile weighing systems must be recalibrated after each load is weighed. The Supa Load requires no recalibration and is extremely accurate. That's especially important to dairy farmers who can now weigh each batch of ingredients to get the correct product blend called for in their rations."

The on-the-go weigh scale converts oil pressure into a digital load readout. An electronic sensing element senses the pressure required to lift a given load. Griffin

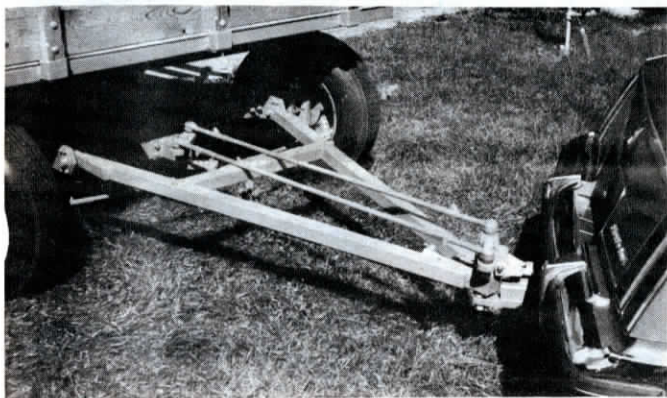


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says farmers can install the unit themselves by simply tapping into the hydraulic system between the lifting cylinder and the control valve to insert the electronic sensor.

Sells for \$2,450.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Meadowbrook International, P.O. Box 743, Oakdale, Calif. 95361 (ph 209 848-3305).



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"VIRTUALLY ELIMINATES FISH-TAILING, MAKES BACKING EASIER"

Steering "Stabilizer" For 4-Wheel Wagons

"It's hard to believe how smoothly it makes 4-wheel wagons ride," says Russell H. Ritter, inventor of a new add-on steering "stabilizer" for 4-wheel wagons that replaces the existing tongue and tie rods.

The bolt-on steer kit, which will work on any steering axle that steers from the front side of the axle (if your wagon steers from behind the axle, you can reverse it to steer from the front and adapt to the stabilizer), has an A-frame tongue and extended tie rods that run from the ball hitch back to the axle. Once installed, the wheels turn instantly as the towing truck or tractor turns.

"It virtually eliminates fish-tailing on the road. Before installing the stabilizer, 4-wheel wagons will sway back and forth when pulled at highway speeds, especially when you hit a bump or if a semi goes by. Once the stabilizer is installed, that sway is gone. You can pull two trailers equipped

with the stabilizer at highway speeds easier than you could pull one conventional wagon," says Ritter.

The add-on steering unit also makes 4-wheel wagons easier to back, Ritter says. "Converted wagons back like 2-wheel wagons, only easier because the only pivot point is the rear axle rather than an axle in the middle, as with a 2-wheel wagon."

To install you remove the old tongue and tie rods and bolt the new one in place with 6 bolts. Ritter says that so far as he knows the kit will fit virtually all wagons up to 8-10 tons with wheels that steer from the front of the axle. He's working on a larger unit for wagons up to 20 tons. Sells for \$500.

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THEY SELL SEED, COOKBOOKS AND A VARIETY OF PRODUCTS MADE WITH "BLUE" FLOUR

Business Is Booming For "Blue Corn" Company

An Albuquerque, New Mexico company is doing a booming business selling a line of food products made out of "blue corn," an open-pollinated variety of corn that's creating tremendous interest from health food enthusiasts because of its higher nutritional value and richer flavor.

Blue corn is an old variety of corn that has been grown for centuries in the Southwest and Mexico for use in tortillas and other corn-based foods.

"Some people wonder how we get the blue into the corn," says Ross Edwards, owner. "They think we dye it. We have to assure people it's the natural color. Although most people try blue corn the first time because of the novel color, we keep them as customers because of the flavor which is richer, earthier and a little sweeter than regular corn. Blue corn products are whole-grain, but they have a lighter texture than ordinary commercial mixes."

The color of blue corn varies from light blue to navy blue. It is up to five times as expensive as yellow corn to raise and is open-pollinated. The yield is only about one third as high as commercial hybrids and it tends to lodge easily before harvest. "Blue corn grows best in the Southwest. It likes a dry climate and suffers wherever it's rainy and humid. There are now about 15,000 acres in production," noting that the company does buy a small portion of its blue corn from Midwest growers.

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Edwards says the market price for blue corn is quite variable because of the small market. Market price runs from 18 to 25 cents per lb., equal to \$10 to \$14 per bu. Yield is also variable, from 1,500 to 3,500



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lbs. per acre, equal to 27 to 62 bu. per acre. A 2,000 lbs. per acre yield would be equal to about 38 bu. per acre, worth about \$532 per acre at the \$14 per bu. rate.

Seed sells for 25 cents to \$1 per lb. and is sold in 50 lbs. bags. Edwards also sells small amounts of seed. A 1 lb. packet sells for \$5 and a 5 lb. packet sells for \$12. A cookbook containing 20 blue corn recipes is available for \$2 if requested separately; \$1 when ordered along with other products.

If you want to sample blue corn products, two 7-oz. bags of blue corn chips sell for \$7.75 post paid. One 28-oz. bag of pancake mix sells for \$6 postpaid. A 16-oz. bag of muffin mix sells for \$5.25 postpaid. Popcorn, corn meal, tortillas and other blue corn products are also available.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Blue Corn Connection, 3825 Academy Parkway South N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87109 (ph 505 344-9768).

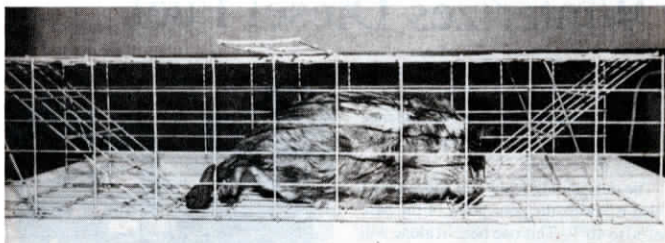


Photo by Rick Swart

Muskats enter trap from either end by pushing up gates. Once inside, they can't open up the door to get out.

CATCHES 3 OR 4 AT A TIME WITH NO BAIT

New Muskrat Trap

"We cleaned 22 muskrats out of one farm pond, catching 3 or 4 muskrats at a time in each trap," says Harold Baily, Columbiana, Ohio, who was featured last year in FARM SHOW and is widely known as "The Friendly Trapper" because of the hundreds of innovative "home brewed" solutions he's come up with to common farm and household animal and insect pest problems.

Now Baily has come up with a new muskrat trap that he says works better than anything on the market, and which is also humane and safe to use. "Muskats can ruin a farm pond by burrowing under them and draining the water out of them. This trap can be used in dens, along banks, or in shallow ditches."

The lightweight box trap is 32 to 36 in. long with an opening at each end. You simply position it in a run or by the opening to a den. Muskats enter either end, pushing up the free-swinging slanted doors. Once inside, they can't get out and are drowned. No bait is needed.

Baily sells the trap, which folds flat for mailing, for \$15 (postpaid). "Once you have one of them for a pattern you can easily make as many as you need out of wire mesh," he says. Baily also sells a book of his solutions to pest problems for \$11.

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