

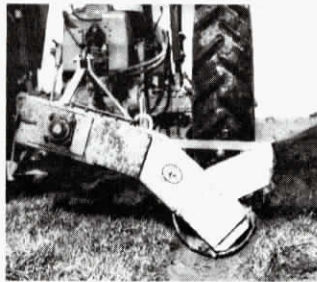
NEW STYLE DITCHER MOVES DRY DIRT, MUD OR EVEN WATER

Pull The Plug On Potholes

If your land is plagued with pothole problems, you'll be interested in a new mud slinging' machine designed specifically for pothole drainage.

"Our D60 ditcher is an off-shoot from equipment we make for rice farmers," explains Ray DeMoor, of Rayne Plane Mfg., Rayne, La. "It's tailor-made for draining potholes and is catching on fast, particularly with soybean growers."

The pothole drainer can be used early in the season in dry dirt to dig drainage ditches so potholes are ditched and ready for immediate drainage — if and when there is a water buildup. Or, the machine can be used to dig trenches in field areas already under water. "It will go anywhere the tractor it's mounted on can travel," explains DeMoor. "Operated in standing water, it'll toss water at the rate of 300 gals. per minute. In mud, slurry or dry dirt, it will sling material as far out as 60 feet or more. What's more, the tractor operator can wear a white shirt without worrying about getting it wet or dirty. The di-



Pothole ditcher will go anywhere tractor will go, including into standing water.

rection and accuracy of the machine's side-throw action is that dependable," says DeMoor.

In ditching dry fields, the ditcher's 15 in. cutter head makes a ditch about 6 in. deep and 12 to 15 in. wide.

Sells for \$1,521.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rayne Plane Mfg., Rayne, La. 70578 (ph. toll free 1-800-551-3020).



Above photo shows ditcher making 6 by 12 in. ditch in field for pothole drainage. Cutter head on D60 is offset 32 in. from drive shaft. Another model (D80) with 40 in. offset is also available.

"BETTER THAN BAGS AND LESS COSTLY"

Plastic Sleeves For Big Bales

"They're better than bags and less costly," says Joe Lawless, Jr., of Plastic Forage Savers, marketer of new plastic sleeves for big bales.

Two years ago, the firm introduced plastic bags which completely enclose the bale (see Jan.-Feb., 1977 issue of FARM SHOW). "We have had good results with bagged bales and were moving full speed ahead with our marketing program when, quite by accident, we hit on the idea of using plastic sleeves instead of bags," Lawless told FARM SHOW. "We have since done a lot of testing with these sleeves and find that they work even better than bags and are cheaper."

By leaving the two ends completely open, three important things are accomplished, according to Lawless.

1. The open ends permit the sleeve to stay tight against the bale. There are no loose ends for the wind to catch.
2. Leaving the ends open enables the bale to breathe and still be protected from the weather while going

through the sweat, and on through the winter.

3. Open ends simplify management as the hay can have a wider range of moisture for safe storage.

The "Secret" to making the plastic sleeves work, according to Lawless, is to have them fit snug over the bale, with the sleeve coming within a few inches of each end of the bale but not extending over the ends. "If any part of the sleeve hangs over the edge, wind can beat against it and possibly tear it. It's better to be a couple inches short of the end than to have any part of the sleeve hanging over."

Plastic Forage Savers offers the new plastic sleeves in 5 and 6 ft. widths. A package of 25 (5 ft. width) sells for \$50. The firm also offers plastic bags for producers who may prefer them. A roll of 10 sells for \$35.00.

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Unlike plastic bags, which completely enclose bale, new plastic sleeves leave ends open. This enables bale to breathe, yet protects it from weather. Sleeves are fitted tight against bale, with no portion extending over edge for wind to catch.