

**FORMS AN EFFECTIVE WINDBREAK
AFTER JUST ONE YEAR OF GROWTH**

Hybrid Willow Tree Grows 8 Ft. Per Year

"The rapid growth of these trees is nearly impossible to believe," says Neil Curry, Australian nurseryman who's promoting a new fast-growing hybrid willow tree that'll soon be on the U.S. market.

Developed in New Zealand as a cross between South American, Chinese and European willows, the new hybrid shoots up 8 ft. or more the first year and reaches at least 40 ft. by its fifth year. If planted about 3 ft. apart, it'll form an effective windbreak or snowfence after just one year, according to Curry.

"In addition to their fast rate of growth and windbreak potential, they also work great to control erosion. Some farmers even use them as fodder for sheep since the leaves are highly palatable with good nutritional value. These trees also make a highly attractive addition to any farm," says Curry, noting that the tree easily adapts to both cold and warm weather climates.

The hybrid was first grown in New Zealand in 1973. Acceptance was so rapid that today millions are planted each year. Curry brought the tree to Australia 2 1/2 years ago and now he's beginning exports to the U.S. and Canada. Although final arrangements have not yet been made, Curry expects the trees to sell for between \$1 and \$2 apiece.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Neil Curry, Tree & Country Australia, 187 Boundary Road, Narre Warren East, Victoria, 3804 Australia (ph 61 3 796 8969 or 61 59 41 2761 between 3:00 p.m. and 12 midnight U.S. time).



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MADE WITH OLD PARTS FOR \$500

Farmyard Ferris Wheel

"Kids and adults all love it," says Harry Klotzbach, Oakfield, N.Y., who built a "farmyard" ferris wheel for his grandkids and to take to family reunions and church picnics.

Key to success of the mini carnival ride are the seats, which Klotzbach made using cut-off auto spindles with the wheels still attached. The metal seats, which are wide enough to hold two small children each, weld directly to the wheels with the center of gravity located well below the wheels. Each chair swings freely on the wheels, remaining upright as the ferris wheels spins.

The seats mount on 5-ft. long 'spokes' fashioned from 2 by 2-in. square tubing. The spokes attach at center to a hub mounted on a salvaged school bus rear end which is driven by a 1-hp. electric motor. The motor is geared down through a 36:1 gearbox salvaged from an Allis Chalmers silage wagon. The motor is geared down even further by the school bus rear end which has an 8:1 ratio. In operation, the ferris wheel makes 10 revolutions per minute. At the top of each turn, ferris wheel riders are 16 ft. off the ground. To transport, a single hydraulic cylinder lifts the base of the ride off the ground so it'll transport on a pair of 15-in. auto tires.



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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home.

ANIMALS OR TRACTORS, TAKE YOUR PICK

New Country Earrings For Country Women

"They're one of the best selling items we've ever introduced at fairs and farm shows," says Vern Lyon, jewelry collector and dealer who specializes in animal and tractor earrings. "They're country earrings for country women and make great gifts and conversation pieces."

His line of animal earrings varies from time to time, depending on what his supplier has available. But he generally has pigs, dairy cows, sheep and beef cattle on hand.

His array of tractor earrings covers both new and antique models. For example, among his "best sellers" are earrings depicting Deere's model LA tractor, and the Minneapolis Moline Comfortactor, one of the first to feature a totally enclosed cab.



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Prices vary but generally run \$10 per set for tractor earrings, and \$5 per set for animal earrings. All are for pierced ears.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Vern Lyon, Box 99, Ruthven, Iowa 51358 (ph 712 837-4716).

YOUR CHOICE OF 'COUNTRY GIRL' OR 'BIG MAMMA BEAR'

Clever Covers For Vacuum Cleaners

Anyone who enjoys sewing or handcrafts will appreciate these clever new "sew 'em yourself" covers for vacuum cleaners.

They're in the shape of a "Country Girl" and "Big Mama Bear" and are available as patterns from Keane Kreations. The covers serve a practical purpose, plus they make great conversation starters. When completed, they stand 4-1/2 ft. tall. The patterns come "full size" for convenience in making them.

Retail cost is \$6.50 each, postage paid. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Keane Kreations, P.O. Box 12754, Las Vegas, Nev. 89112

Full-size patterns make covers that, when completed, stand 4.5 ft. tall.

