

Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044

Lazy Bread

2 cups flour
2 cups milk
1 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp cream of tartar
2 tbsp melted lard
Milk or water

Sift dry ingredients and add enough milk or water to make a soft batter. Have batter soft enough to beat with a spoon. Add melted lard to the batter before starting to beat it. Pour into a greased bake tin and bake in a hot oven.

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Lye Soap

1 qt. water
1 can lye
1 cup clear ammonia
4 tbs Borax
6 lbs. clean strained grease

Put water and lye in a 2 or 3 gal. porcelain pan. Stir until lye is dissolved. Cool. Pour soft grease in, stirring constantly. Add ammonia and borax and continue stirring until it thickens to consistency of honey. Pour in wooden box lined with cloth, cool for 8 to 12 hours.

Oklahoma Living

Marsha's Maverick Beans

1 lb. red Mexican beans (small red beans)
1 small onion, finely chopped.
2/3 cup white vinegar
2/3 cup dill pickle juice (can be part pepper juice)
3/4 cup corn or olive oil
2 tbsp garlic salt
Salt and finely ground pepper

Wash and pick over beans. Cover with three quarts of water and bring to a boil.

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Scale-model Cat sprinkler propels itself across lawn.

"Caterpillar" Lawn Sprinkler

This new traveling lawn sprinkler might soon be a collector's item, thanks to Caterpillar's recent sale of the rubber-tracked Challenger to AGCO.

Just introduced by L.R. Nelson Corporation, the Cat sprinkler is an almost identical scale model. It propels itself across the lawn, following the pattern you make with the hose as you lay it out in your yard. It comes with a two-speed transmission, a brass hose connection, and an automatic shut-off. Maximum coverage area is 13,500 sq. ft.

Sells for \$99.99 and is available at retailers such as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes, Menards, etc.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, L.R. Nelson Corporation, (ph 309 690-2418; fax 309 692-5847; E-mail: abarlow@LRNelson.com; Website: www.lrnelson.com).

"Disk Blade" Bird Feeder

Audie Ribble, Hettick, Ill., made this indestructible bird feeder out of a pair of disk blades and the air intake stack off an old tractor.

The lower 16-in. dia. disk blade holds feed and also serves as a squirrel deflector. The larger 18-in. dia. upper blade keeps rain off the feed. The air intake stack welds to the bottom disc blade and serves as a canister for the feed, which flows out holes cut into the bottom of the stack. A muffler rain cap bolted to the top of the stack serves as a lid.

A piece of electric fence post welds to the top of the muffler rain cap and serves as a perch for birds.

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Bird feeder is made out of a pair of disk blades mounted on air intake stack off an old tractor.

"Tomato Potato"

If you want something exciting and different to plant this spring, you'll be interested in this new "tomato potato" that we recently spotted in the Gardeners' Choice spring seed catalog. It grows potatoes below ground and tomatoes above.

The tomato-potato is made possible by grafting a "Sub-Arctic" variety tomato (noted for extra-early ripening) onto a "Red Pontiac" potato (noted for its good eating and storage quality). According to the company, tomatoes and potatoes are members of the same plant family and look somewhat alike so they have no trouble growing together in the same space. The potato graft produces plump potatoes while the tomato graft grows luscious tomatoes.

One plant sells for \$6.98 plus \$4.75 S&H. Four plants sell for \$14.98 plus \$4.75 S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Gardeners' Choice, 81961 County Road



Tomatoes above ground, potatoes below - that's what you get when you plant this new "tomato potato".

687 South, P.O. Box 8000, Hartford, Mich. 49057 (ph 616 221-2481; Website: www.gardenerschoice.net).

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Battery-Powered Garden Planter

If you'd like to plant your garden without having to bend or stoop - and have perfectly spaced plants in the row - you'll like this new battery-operated, hand-held planter.

The "Seed Spacer" is powered by a 1.3-volt DC motor and requires one D-cell battery. It consists of a waist-high tube with a handle on top and a seed-dispensing wheel at the bottom. The wheel has a double hopper with a plastic cover. You remove the cover and pour seeds into the inner hopper, then adjust the hopper cover to the size seed you're using.

To plant, you simply hold the unit over the row and push a button on the handle, which causes the wheel to rotate slowly. The seeds fall out of the outer hopper as you walk forward. The unit can be adjusted to sow any seed that will tumble, from tiny onion seeds to bush bean seeds.

Sells for \$31.95 plus \$1.50 S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, R.J. Winmore, Inc., Box 1765, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. 57101 (ph 605 332-0223; E-mail: rjwinmoreinc@aol.com).



Hand-held planter results in evenly-spaced seeds.



Magnet pulls canning jar lids out of boiling water without burning your fingers.

"Canning Magnet"

Retired rancher Ruben Lungren of Worland, Wyo., recently sent FARM SHOW photos of a "canning magnet" he came up with to pull canning jar lids out of boiling water without burning his fingers.

The "Magna Grab", as he calls it, consists of a 5-in. long wooden dowel with a magnet on one end and a short nylon loop at the other end. The magnet is about the size of a dime and is 1/8 in. thick.

"It eliminates the need to pour out the hot water or use something like a spoon to fish the lids out," says Lungren. "I do a lot of canning and got tired of trying to use a spoon to lift the lids out. I've given a few Magna-Grabs to friends and neighbors. Some people with arthritic fingers have found it helps them pick up earrings, chains, pins and other small articles."

Sells for just \$1.40 plus S&H.

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