Kit Converts Auger Into A Grain Cleaner

“Makes your auger just as effective as a rotary screen grain cleaner,” says Randy Reinke, spokesman for Custom Products, Litchfield, Minn., manufacturer of the “Clean Machine”.

The powered grain cleaning screen and blower fits to your auger so grain is cleaned of chaff, weed seeds, bee’s wings, etc., as it is augered to a bin, truck or wherever. Reinke points out that auger capacity and speed isn’t affected and, that by augering and cleaning grain in the same process, you save the electricity and horse-power needed to power a separate rotary cleaner.

Custom Product’s grain cleaning auger screen is unique in that it vibrates back and forth to clean out material that could plug the screen. In addition, the kit includes a blower that sucks out bee’s wings, chaff, insects and other debris too light to be properly screened.

To install, you cut a 38-in. section out of the auger tube and attach the addition kit in its place. Rubber sleeves join the Clean Machine to the auger tube to isolate vibration to the screen area. Vibrating action is caused by an enclosed electric motor. The blower pulls material through a slot cut into the tube and is powered by a 1/3 hp. motor.

Screens are easily changed and are available for corn, soybeans, wheat and small grains. Clean Machine’s available to fit most 6, 7 and 8-in. dia. augers. Sells for $1,090.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Custom Products, P.O. Box 718, Litchfield, Minn. 55355 (ph 612-693-3221).

Screen on auger-mounted grain-cleaning kit vibrates to keep from plugging.

Warning System Shuts Down Troubled Engines

A new engine warning system that goes one step beyond the protection offered by warning lights and gauges may be just the thing to prevent costly repairs to engines in remote locations or these operated by inexperienced help.

Road Tech Inc., Columbus, Ohio, says it’s new Roadguard engine warning controls automatically shut down engines when they detect loss of engine oil or excessive coolant temperatures. The controls ground out the coil on gas engines and shut down the fuel line on diesel engines. If the vehicle is equipped with warning lights, no change is needed to the fuel pressure or coolant temperature sending switches located on the engine. If your engine is equipped with gauges, the installation of a “tee” and a temperature and pressure switch for a warning light system is required. Complete installation instructions are supplied with the unit.

In addition to shutting down the engine when preset danger levels are reached, the Roadguard can also be fitted with loud alarm systems. Roadguard controls sell for $66 to $129, depending on the type of engine and control needed.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Road Tech Inc., 5411 Valley Lane East, Columbus, Ohio 43229 (ph 614-896-9290).

“Roadguard” shuts down engine when either oil pressure or engine temperature get out of control.

GEESE THINK IT’S THEIR MOTHER

Huge Goose Decoy Doubles As A Blind

Instead of building a hunting blind that must be kept out of sight, a Minnesota hunter has invented an innovative new blind that doubles as a decoy, or vice versa.

Stan Carlson, Anoka, Minn., invented the “Trojan Goose” which is made from lightweight fiberglass. It’s big enough to contain a low-lying chair in which the hunter reclines while waiting for geese, watching the sky through a hole in the back of the decoy’s neck. When goose come in, attracted by the huge decoy, the hunter quickly flips open the double doors on the back of the decoy and shoots.

“This decoy is very attractive to geese. It has something to do with the memory of the relationship of a gosling to its mother because I’ve seen goose walk right up to the decoy and honk at it like a small gosling does to its mother. The relationship of the size between the decoy and a goose is about the same as that between a mother goose and it’s offspring,” says Carlson, noting that an advantage of the huge decoy is that it’ll pull geese in from as far away as 4 miles, making it “twice as effective” as conventional decoys.

“If there’s a hunter in the next field with conventional decoys the goose will always choose the Trojan Goose. It often makes other hunters angry but farmers who rent out their land to goose hunters can charge twice as much if they provide these decoys to hunters,” says Carlson.

The Trojan Goose weighs 37 lbs., including the chair. It’s fitted with carrying straps so the hunter can carry his “lunch in one hand, his gun in the other and the decoy over his shoulder”, according to Carlson, who’s already sold more than 350 of the large decoys. A smaller dog-sized Trojan decoy is also available. Like the larger version, the dog sits inside and only runs out after a goose is downed. Carlson says most dogs get the hang of it the first time out.

As geese approach, hunter flips open double doors on back of “Trojan Goose” and shoots.

The Trojan Goose sells for $275.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Stan Carlson, Diversified Fiberglass Inc., 600 Constance Blvd., N.W., Anoka, Minn. 55303 (ph 612-434-6688).

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