New “Calf Carriers”

Two new “calf carriers” make it easier to handle and transport calves.

“Calf Caddy”
The “calf caddy” attaches to the back of an ATV or pickup. It can also be pulled on a skid or mounted on a cattle chute to help a newborn calf start nursing, says Diamond Country, Stratton, Neb.

The caddy consists of a steel frame equipped with a pair of rubber-lined cradles that support the calf’s chest and flank area. It can be attached to four different mounting units - one designed for an ATV rack, one for a pickup bumper, one for a cattle chute, and one for a skid.

“It makes it easy for the mother to see and smell the calf so she’ll follow,” says Geoff Burks. “It’s lightweight and easy to handle. Handles on front and back let you carry the calf right on the caddy. The calf can move on the caddy so it’s much easier than trying to carry her alone.

The nursing arm that fits cattle chutes works great for helping a newborn calf that hasn’t sucked yet and is too weak to stand up. You can swing the calf under the cow with one hand and help her nurse with the other hand.”

The caddy sells for $131. The ATV mounting unit sells for $77.68, the nursing arm for $86.67, and the skid for $162.43.


“Calf Cradle”
The “calf cradle” made by Apache Co., Norfolk, Neb., puts a calf on its back and helps keep it upright or in a cage that holds it onto a pick-up rack. It can also be mounted on a skid or on a cattle chute and used as a nursing arm.

The cradle consists of an L-shaped frame and a telescoping tube fitted with rubber-lined carriers. The ATV mounting rack telescopes so that it can be adjusted to fit different size calves.

The cradle sells for $99, the ATV mounting rack for $49, the nursing arm for $55, and the skid for $110.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Apache Co., 1001 E. Eisenhower Ave., Box 1247, Norfolk, Neb. 68702 (ph 402-371-1400).

“Grader-Ripper” Does Everything From Leveling To Digging Trenches

“Our new 3-pt. grader is equipped with a series of adjustable ripping shanks and two sets of blades that make it the most versatile grader on the market,” says Richard Conroy, Equipro Inc., Canfield, Ohio.

One-piece, bolt-on blades set at a 90 degree angle mount at the front of the grader. They aggressively cut the soil. In back two independently mounted rear blades can be easily adjusted forward or back. Removable end plates can be bolted onto each blade to trap soil when using the blades for leveling.

Five depth-adjustable rippering shanks mount behind the front blade to loosen compacted soil. Their depth is controlled by changing the position of mounting pins.

“It does everything from leveling and blading work to backfilling or even digging shallow trenches,” says Conroy. “The front blades do the cutting while the rear blades do the finishing work. Because it has two sets of blades, it does a good job of leveling even when the tractor’s rear wheels drop into a hole.

“Cutting width can vary from 6 to 10 ft. to 9 ft. 2 in. depending on the angle of the rear blades. Setting both blades at the back angle you can use the grader to backfill. By angling them forward you can pick up rocks, sticks, roots, etc. then raise the grader and drop them off. The end plates have reversible cutting edges.”

“By turning up the 3-pt. center link and raising the 3-pt. blade the front blades can be used to dig drainage ditches and waterways. The rippers come handy on compacted soil that’s too hard for the blades to cut. They loosen the soil up to 6 in. deep so the rear blades can level it.

“You don’t need a big tractor to operate it. It works beautifully with a 40 to 60 hp tractor.”

A lift hook at the rear of the grader can be used to pull leveling devices, such as a short section of chain link fence, for a smoother grade. Two other lift hooks, one on each side of the grader, can be used to lift the grader.

Available in 4- and 5-ripper models. A 5-ripper model sells for $2,000.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Equipro Inc., 9900 Akron Canfield Rd., Canfield, Ohio 44406 (ph 216-533-2629).

Hand-Held “Calf Snatcher”

“My new hand-held ‘Calf Snatcher’ makes it easy to catch a calf by the neck. It keeps a pre-formed loop all the time so it’s always ready for use,” says Norman Alm, Helena, Mont.

Made from PVC pipe, the “Calf Snatcher” is stored with the loop eye hooked over a tab on the handle end. You pop the loop off the tab, slide the eye down the pipe to form a catch loop, then rotate the pipe in either direction to open the loop.

“T’s much easier to use and more humane than a sheep hook or lasso,” says Alm. “You can use it on horseback or standing in the back of a pickup, 4-wheel ATV, or even from a tractor cab. The PVC pipe is easy to keep clean.”

Sells for $29.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Cowsboys Products, P.O. Box 9151, Helena, Mont. 59601 (ph 406-984-7773 or 406-458-5111).

Universal Pto Guard

You can totally enclose all rotating parts on pto shafts with this new universal guard kit that can be easily moved from tractor to tractor.

Made in Ireland, the new pto guard consists of a pair of heavy-duty rubber “belows” that fit the guard to mounting plates attached to both the tractor and implement. The rubber is grease-resistant and long-lasting. To grease the pto, simply remove clip and pull the sleeve back. The rubber sleeve can be cut to fit the pto guard tube.

Sells for about $100 (Canadian).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Robert H. Laning & Sons Ltd., 289 Leamn St. S., Waterford, Ontario, Canada N0E 1Y0 (ph 519-443-8601).

“Cow Clamp” Stops Kicking

This simple “cow clamp” keeps cows from kicking during milking, examinations, artificial insemination, surgical work or training heifers with first calves.

The Cow Can’t Kick clamp slips over on the animal’s back and cranks tight to depress muscles that control kicking. It works on either side of the pin bone to immobilize rear legs only, and rubber tipped arms protect the animal from discomfort.

Sells for $59.50. Weighs 13 lbs.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Crestegny Supply, 3337 Lincoln Hwy, East, Paradise, Pa. 17569 (ph 717-768-7181 or 800-233-0331; fax 717-768-7006).