Steel Topper For Gravity Wagons

"Our new enclosed steel topers for gravity wagons add 36 to 80 bu, of capacity. They're easier to use than canvas toppers and far more durable," says Deach Koch, Koch Mfg. Co., Gann Valley, S. Dak.

The one-piece topper is built from 16 ga. steel and clamps onto the top of the wagon sides. It has a 34-in. wide, full length door down the middle that’s opened and closed from the ground by a lever at the front of the topper. The door lid slides off to side on track.

"They're easier to use than canvas toppers and far more durable," says Koch. "Canvas toppers sag, rip, weathercheck, and get blown around by the wind. They’re difficult to put on because you have to climb on top of the wagon where there’s nothing to hold onto. You use a front-end loader to set our topper on top of the wagon and fasten it with 10 clamps. The job takes only a half hour and there’s no need to drill any holes.

"Some farmers use their gravity wagon to store ground feed and leave the wagon by their feed bunk where they can unload feed into 5-gal. pails, etc. Our waterproof topper will keep the feed dry."

Fits most gravity wagon models and sells for $400 to $500.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Koch Mfg. Co., HCR 2, Box 15, Gann Valley, S. Dak. 57341 (ph 605 293-3430).

REQUIRES JUST 12 IN. OF CLEARANCE

Low-Profile Portable Fold-Up Transfer Auger

You’ll like this portable low-profile transfer auger that was designed by a farmer to fit his own needs and worked so well he put it on the market.

Raymond Johnson, president of Butte Manufacturing, says he originally built the auger to unload semi-trucks of fertilizer.

"Moving a big auger to fit under the trailer was an arduous task. In building a prototype, I wanted it to be compact so it is easy to move around but with high enough capacity to allow fast unloading. Key feature is that you can take the motor off the auger without using any tools, making it possible to pick up the auger and move it by hand. It also can stop when you change power units - from gas engine to electric motor to hydraulic motor, all without using any tools."

The auger can be used under semi-trucks or other bottom-unload trucks - requires just 12 in. clearance - or it can be used as a swing-away unit at the base of a bin loading auger or to load grain into mixers, etc. The undercarriage is adjustable so you can vary unloading height from 12 to 60 in. off the ground.

The portable transfer auger is fitted with an 8-ft. long, 6-in. dia. auger and rides on 4-ply tires. The tub measures 36 by 24 in. Requires only a 1 1/2 hp. 110-volt electric motor to feed a 7 or 8 in. auger.

Johnson also makes a hopper bottom bin unloading auger with the detachable motor mount, which lets one motor drive more than one auger. Like all of Johnson’s augers, they have specially-manufactured flighting that fits more tightly to make cleanout easy. That makes them ideal for registered seed growers when switching from one variety to another.

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HELPFUL TIPS ON PLANTING DEPTH

Gauge Wheel Mud Scraper

New mud scraper for planter depth gauge wheels keeps gauge wheels clean, improving seed depth placement.

The scraper clamps to a cast iron bracket that mounts above and behind the depth wheel. Tension is adjusted by loosening two bolts and sliding the blade up or down.

"It’s good insurance against poor germation caused by improper seed depth," says Steve Lofquist, Lofquist Welding, Elwood, Neb. "The slightest drag on the soil will cause the seed to plant unevenly or it will not make contact with the soil."

Scrapers clamp to cast iron bracket that mounts above and behind depth wheel.

Early Riser, and White planters. Sets for $25 per depth wheel or $50 per row. A bolt-on mud scraper for press wheels is also available for Deere and Kinze planters. Sets for $8 per press wheel or $16 per row.

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