

“No Rust” Lightweight Aluminum Weigh Wagon

Less weight and resistance to rust are the top two selling points of this new aluminum weigh wagon introduced by Unverferth at the recent Farm Progress Show near Windfall, Ind.

The 150-bu. “Yield Cart” has an all-aluminum frame and box that reduces weight by nearly one third and requires much less maintenance, says the company. Load-point sensors mount in the spindles and tongue. An 18 hp electric-start motor, mounted on the tongue, powers a hydraulic-operated unloading auger that’s equipped with steel-cupped flighting to limit damage to grain. The auger unloads the wagon in only 3 1/2 minutes. Unloading speed is adjusted via a hydraulically-powered flow control gate.

“It works great for measuring yields and eliminates the uncertainty about how harvest ground speed or other factors influence the results of a combine-mounted yield monitor,”

says the company. “It also works great for use in planting replicated, field-length strip trials and for bulk loading of seed into planters or drills. An optional telescoping downspout with a reach of 25 ft. lets you precisely control the seed flow for filling planter boxes or drill hoppers. A remote electronic control switch is located at the end of the spout.”

The wagon is equipped with an adjustable air-ride cushioning system for smoother towing, both full and empty. Molded plastic fenders with recessed marker lights protect the unit while further reducing overall weight. Viewing stairs with safety railings and a window on front of the hopper make it easy to check wagon contents.

The double-fold auger tucks away to the side and rear of the hopper for ease of transport and compact storage. Other features include a lockable built-in toolbox and optional side extensions which increase capacity to



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190 bu., a roll-over tarp, and self-contained surge brakes.

Sells for \$13,940.

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Self-Locking Hitch Clamps To Toolbar

“My self-locking hitch mounts on any toolbar and lets one person quickly, safely, and easily hitch up to towed equipment,” says Andrew Heinze, Dazey, N. Dak.

His “Sure Hitch” clamps onto a toolbar and consists of a spring-loaded pin, guide assembly, and drawbar. The drawbar can be pulled backward 15 in. and swung 15 in. from side to side, so you only have to get within 15 in. or so of whatever you want to tow. Once the hitch is locked up, you back up and the guide assembly locks the drawbar into position. The spring-loaded pin keeps the hitch rigid when towing.

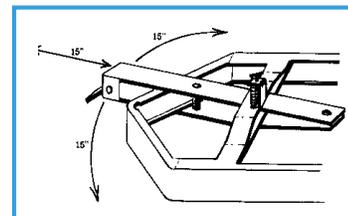
“It’s a self-locking system that automatically resets as soon as you pull forward,” says Heinze. “It works great for pulling anhydrous ammonia tanks behind chisel plows, where you have to change tanks often. It also works great for pulling air seeders or drills.”

The hitch is available in three models and sells for \$250 to \$450 plus S&H.

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Cloth Dairy Towels Save Money, Work Better

“Our Sani-Sure cloth dairy towels clean and dry the udder better than paper. They also cost less to use,” says Janet Dahl, product manager, Northwest Environmental Systems, Inc.

Before coming out with its cloth towels, Northwest did extensive research into pre-milking udder prep to come up with the best towel in terms of size, weight, economy and maintenance. They now sell standard, heavy-weight and recycled dairy towels in bulk lots.

“Up to now, dairy farmers who wanted cloth towels had to resort to making their own from rags or cutting down larger, more expensive industrial towels,” notes Dahl. “Because cloth towels are washed and re-used, they reduce dairy towel expense 60 to 70 percent compared to the cost of paper towels, even when factoring in the cost of detergent and running a washer and dryer.

“Cloth towels are also friendly to the environment. They eliminate the inevitable pile of hundreds of wet, dirty paper towels waiting for garbage pickup and they don’t create landfill waste.”

Sani-Sure dairy towels are made of top quality turkish towel material. They are washcloth size with machined hems. Made in the U.S., standard and recycled towels are



Cloth dairy towels do a better job than paper of cleaning and drying the udder, says the manufacturer.

sold in approximately 900 (50 lbs.), 450 (25 lbs.), and 180 (10 lbs.) lots. Heavyweights are sold in 600 (50-lbs.) lots.

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New Breed Of Cattle Were “Bred For Taste”

“I’m not trying to break new ground. This breed is an attempt to go back to the good old days when beef cattle were smaller, more efficient, and bred for taste,” says Roy Atherton, Gresham, Oregon, about his “new” breed of cattle called “American Early Blacks”.

Atherton started looking 20 years ago for a better breed of cattle. “I wanted to go back to the beginnings of beef, the smaller, original breeds from England that made beef the world’s most popular food. By chance I became familiar with the Irish Dexter breed. Around the same time I started studying Wagyu cattle from Japan. It seemed to me there were many similarities between the breeds but some drawbacks with the way both breeds were being developed.”

In Japan, tender Wagyu beef has been known to sell for as much as \$200 a lb. North American breeders have promoted its as the beef “that’s good for you” because of its high content of unsaturated fat.

Dexter cattle have usually been promoted as a miniature breed that makes efficient use of limited pasture space.

Atherton decided to start a cross-breeding program between the two that resulted in the new American Early Blacks.

“The criteria for these animals is their small size and their ability to produce high quality marbled, tasty and tender meat. To be registered, a herd must be tested to show the percentage of unsaturated to saturated fat, as well as other nutritional criteria.”

American Early Blacks are 1/2 Dexter and

1/2 Wagyu. Almost all are black, although some red animals do appear. Mature weight of cows is from 750 to 900 lbs. Bulls mature at 900 to 1,200 lbs. Each registered herd owner is obligated to submit to an analysis of the fatty acid profile of his herd.

“Anyone who tries our beef recognizes that it’s the very best beef on the market. We didn’t create anything new. We changed the objective toward producing quality, rather than quantity, by getting back to the great-tasting meat that made beef so popular. The trend toward bigger animals to supply the fast food industry has not necessarily resulted in the best tasting product,” says Atherton.

A number of other breeders of American Early Blacks are already established. Breeding stock is available.



American Early Blacks must go through an analysis of fat composition before they can be registered, according to the new association.

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