

New-Style Tree Guard Filled With Water

Here's a new idea from Australia.

Biodegradable tree tubes have caught on big over the past couple decades. But Aussie inventor Christopher Ball of Tamworth, New South Wales, went one step forward by creating a tree guard filled with water.

The WaterTube is made from UV-stabilized poly with water pockets that hold about 5 gal. of water. It drips its supply of water out over as long a period as 16 days, but can be adjusted to empty its load over a shorter period of time.

It's held in place by three stakes and water is fed out of a coil dripper screwed into the bottom. You can also add liquid fertilizers to the water in the WaterTube, which can be refilled as needed, or left standing empty to protect the tree from rodents damage.

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The WaterTube holds about 5 gal. of water and drips it slowly out the bottom. 4117). (Excerpted from *Power Farming Magazine*)

Long-Reach Trimming Shears

"It's the world's first long-reach clipper," says the manufacturer of this new set of trimming shears with an extra long handle.

Belly clipping and trimming are much easier and safer because you don't have to bend down, like you do with ordinary clippers. You're less likely to get kicked in the head and, because it's easier to use, you might use it more often. Makes it easy to clip bellies, briskets, and legs easily and quickly.

Features new self-sharpening cutter blades that the company says will stay sharp 10 times longer than old-style clippers.



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Bobcat Telescopic Handler

Bobcat introduced its first line of telehandlers at Smithfield. Maximum lift capacity ranges from 2 1/2 to 3 tons and maximum lift heights from 18 to 23 ft. All models are available with naturally-aspirated or more powerful turbocharged Perkins diesel engines.

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Bobcat's first-ever telehandler can lift up to 3 tons.

Claas Telescopic Handler

The first thing you notice about Claas's new "Targo" telescopic handler is an eye-catching new bubble-like cab that provides great all-around visibility. The curved front screen stretches from the top of the dashboard to above the operator's head so you can see clearly from the ground up to maximum lift height.

The side-mounted engine and low boom pivot point allow the operator to see all four wheels.

The machine has a low-slung boom, a side-mounted engine, and load-sensing hydraulics. With a width of just under 6 ft. and a height of 6 ft., it can travel through narrow doorways and under low ceilings.

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Bubble-like cab provides great visibility. ness Park, Saxham, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, England IP28 6QZ (ph 011 44 1284-763100).

Reusable "Silo Bags" For Bunker Silos

A French company says using sand-filled bags to cover bunker silos is a lot cleaner and easier than using old tires.

You cover the silage with plastic as usual, then lay a woven protective tarp over the top. You load the tarp with rows of tubes filled with the sand bags.

The bags are about 5 ft. long. The tubes are available in 15, 24, 30, 36, and 48-ft. lengths to match the width of the silo. The tubes should be spaced about 16 ft. apart. After filling the bags with sand you slide them inside one end of the tube. Then you close the ends of the tube using attached strings. When you're ready to uncover the silage, you simply slide the entire tube off the silo toward you.

The bags can also be used individually instead of inside the tubes and come with handles which makes them easy to move. They can be easily stored on pallets.

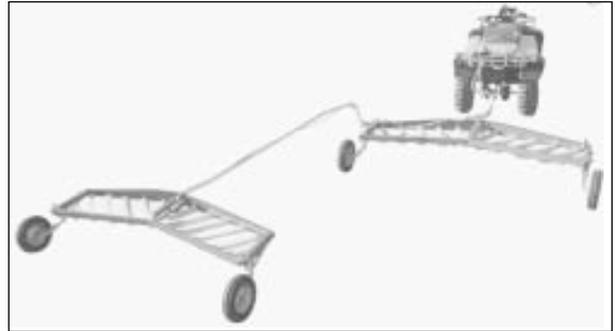
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Wiper can be ganged together to extend wiping width from 7 to 14 or even 21 ft.

Offset ATV-Pulled Weed Wipers

This trailing weed "wiper" is designed for better coverage at faster speeds.

A pressurized system pumps chemical to each wiper arm. The full width of the wiper remains moist even when working on steep slopes.

Gang options are available to extend the

wiping width from 7 ft. to 21 ft.

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Deere Telescopic Handler

Loader tractors with telescoping booms are popular in Europe. Deere recently jumped into the market when it bought Matbro, a U.K. manufacturer. Deere totally re-engi-

neered Matbro's telehandler.

Sells for about \$40,000 in the U.S. and is expected to be available in North America this spring.