

Reader Letters



There was a mistake in your article about our Electronic Animal Immobilizer (Vol. 26, No. 3). The article stated that we are bringing back a product that was on the market in the early 1980's called "Stock Still". That was wrong. We are in no way associated with the Stock Still. Our Animal Immobilizer wasn't even invented back then. Our mechanism for immobilizing an animal is completely different. The Stock Still had serious side effects, which is why it was not successful. Our product has no negative effects on the animal and is safe for both the handler and animal. In fact, one of our biggest challenges has been to overcome the fears of ranchers and veterinarians because of their past experiences with the Stock Still. (**James Keane-Murphy, I&G Distributors USA, 4965 Hidden Branches Dr., Atlanta, Ga. 30338 ph 770 350-0342; www.igd-usa.com**)

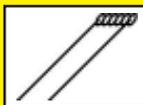
After dropping a rock on my hand while putting it in the cab, I had to have major surgery on a cut tendon. I decided I needed a better way to handle rocks.



I thought about putting a box on each piece of tillage equipment but instead decided to put one box on the tractor. The photo shows the box on my Case-IH 9230. I made it by taking a front weight to a local welding shop and having them build the box around the weight. We ran round bar stock through the hole in the weight and put heavy-duty mesh in the bottom to let dirt filter out. We do have to manually unload it but it holds a lot and works great without modifying the tractor at all. (**Harold G. Cosstellio, 8170 S. St. Rd. 17, Kewanna, Ind. 46939 ph 574 653-2363**)

I've got all the issues of FARM SHOW from the years 1999, 2000, and 2001, plus three issues of Best of FARM SHOW. I'll sell the lot for \$25 plus \$5 postage. (**Robert Dobbins, 3640 Barber Rd., Cedervale, Ohio 45314 ph 937-766-5342**)

Old spring tines from a baler pickup make excellent gate springs. If one isn't enough, just use two. Slip them over the post and they'll close the gate for you. They never wear out or weaken.



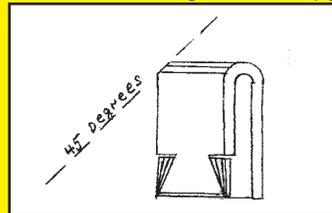
We had some cattle get porcupine quills all over their noses and lips. I made a tool to hold their heads steady. All I did was weld some large ball bearings to the tips off a pair of blacksmith tongs. The

ends with the balls are put in the cow's nose and clamped down. The cow really holds still when held this way. (**W. Jacobson, Box 381, Midale, Sask. Canada**)



I spotted this calf on a neighbor's farm. It was born with something a little "extra" that no one counted on - an extra set of legs draped over its shoulders. The owners are Bob and Dan Weck of Annapolis, Ill. (ph 618 569-4865). (**Richard Shanks, Martinsville, Ill.**)

We wanted to update your readers on our new and improved Grain Grabbers for combine feeder augers, which simply



drive onto the auger flighting with a hammer. The zinc-plated, spring steel Grabbers can be used for corn, soybeans, wheat and other small grains. They fit any combine.

The new models have a beveled edge on one side, giving the operator the choice between an aggressive edge or a non-aggressive, edge, depending on crop conditions. It lets you adapt the feeding capability of the auger for various crop conditions.

They're packed 16 per bag, with 8 right and 8 left. Sell for \$42.40 plus shipping. (**Robert Rottinghaus, Clevertex, Inc., 4121 S. Canfield Rd., Jesup, Iowa 50648 ph 319 827-1311**)

Thank you for the article on our rust removing product, Evapo-Rust™ (Vol. 26, No. 1). The response we got to the article was tremendous. More than 400 inquiries and better than \$10,000 in sales directly from FARM SHOW readers. Our company is located in the Ozark Mountains and we have very few farmers in the area, so we had never promoted the product to farmers before. We were surprised what a need there is on the farm for a safe, effective rust remover.

It retails for \$21 per gal. in a 1-gal. pail or \$16 per gal. for a 5-gal. pail (\$80 total). Can be used on all types of mild steel and iron and will not harm copper, brass, aluminum, plastic, rubber or vinyl. It's biodegradable and non-flammable. You simply soak an item in Evapo-Rust for about 20 min. (**David Harris, President, Harris International Laboratories, Inc., P.O. Box 6487, Springdale, Ark. 72764**)

ph 501 756-9877; www.evapo-rust.com)

Hauling square bales to auction with a thrower wagon behind a tractor was too slow. I already owned a triple axle flatbed trailer so I made racks to fit it. I bought a steering axle at a salvage yard that hooks to the front of the trailer with a simple 2-in. dia. pin. Now I can haul 175 bales at



a time and travel at speeds up to 60 mph. When not in use, I lift the racks off the trailer using cable blocks hooked to the rafters in my equipment shed. (**Robert O. Fox, 307 McKim Rd., New Castle, Penn. 16102**)

I live in a schoolbus that's buried in a hill. My underground home has all the modern conveniences - electricity, running water, carpet, washing machine, dryer, microwave, and satellite TV. I even have a backup generator for when power goes off. The bus is buried up to the windows, which keeps it warm in winter. The windows on one side are blocked off and insulated.



My place isn't fancy but I'm retired and it keeps my costs way down. You can pick up schoolbuses cheap and there's lots of room inside. With a little ingenuity, you can make a comfortable living quarters inside. I would be happy to share how I did it with any FARM SHOW readers who want more information. (**Joe White, Rt. 1, Box 204, Valliant, Okla. 74764**)

Here's a way to "trickle" water onto remote plants which are difficult to reach with a hose. Just fill large zip lock bags with water and prick with a pin. The water will trickle out very slowly over time, keeping the plant moist. (**No name on letter**)



Our new pull-type sprayer for ATV's has state-of-the-art features that make it extremely easy to use. The features include:

- Walking tandem axles and four 22-in. high flotation tires, so it pulls easier and doesn't bounce around as much on soft or rough ground.
- A big 150-gal. tank lets you cover a lot of acres without the need for frequent refills and remixing.
- Low-maintenance boomless nozzles cover a total width of 30 ft. There's one nozzle on the left side of the sprayer, and one on the right. You can use both nozzles together or either one separately. Controls are handlebar-mounted.
- Power is supplied by two 12-volt pumps that operate off the ATV battery. As a result, you don't need a separate motor to run it.

It comes with a hand-operated wand so it also can be used for spot spraying. It works great for applying herbicides, insecticides, or liquid fertilizer. The nozzles are adjustable and can be tilted upward to spray into trees. It comes equipped with an adjustable tongue to keep the sprayer level and a 1 7/8-in. ball hitch.

The entire unit sells for \$2,159. The sprayer can also be purchased as a skid-mount unit that you can mount on the trailer or on another cart or trailer. (**Edney Distributing, Co., Inc., Box 198, Huron, S. Dak. 57350 ph 605 352-8616; Website: www.estateyardcare.com**)



I was at a farm show recently here in England and spotted a new product that may be of interest to your readers. It's an add-on track system called "Agritrac" from Richard Stocks Ltd.

It drives directly off the existing tractor axle with no modification. No complicated gearboxes. Existing drive ratios, differentials, and other components are not compromised. The track system pivots independently to the tractor so it always remains flat on the ground regardless of implement weight or pull.

With conventional fixed track systems, you can get massive compaction at certain load points on the track.

This system can be easily moved between tractors. Available in colors to match tractor.

For more information, you can contact the manufacturer: Richard Stocks Ltd., Cromwell Rd., Wisbech, Cambridgeshire PE14 0SD United Kingdom ph 011 44 1945 464909; Website: www.stocks-wheels.co.uk. (**Andy Sewell, England - E-mail: combinedoc@aol.com**)