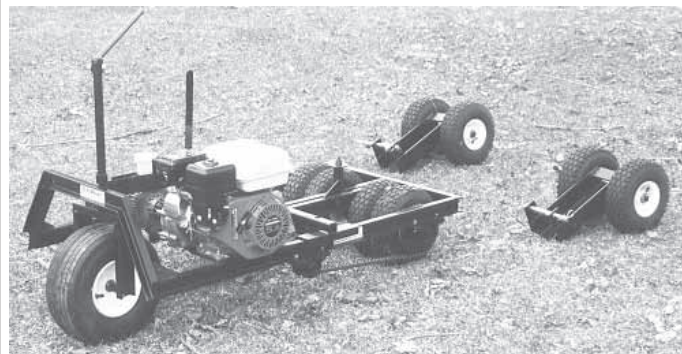


Money-Making Ideas To Boost Farm Income

If you're looking for new ways to add to your bottom line, take a look at the money-making ideas featured here and on the next page.

If you've found or heard about a new income-boosting idea, we'd like to hear about it. Send details to: FARM SHOW Magazine, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 (ph 800 834-9665) or email us at: Editor@farmshow.com.



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EZ Mover Hauls Sheds Easily

Tim Reinford delivers ready-made storage sheds for his brother. He needed a way to transport them from his truck and trailer without destroying the lawns of customers.

That problem led him to create the EZ Mover.

The machine consists of a main carrier powered by a Honda 5 1/2 hp gas engine and coupled to a hydrostatic transmission. Two sets of dolly wheels go under the side of the shed opposite the main carrier.

The EZ Mover can haul sheds up to 12 by 16 ft.

The dolly wheels attach to 4 by 4's under the shed with large pins. The other side of the shed simply rests on top of the back

of the main carrier.

With one hand on the steering pole, a person can walk beside or in front of the machine to move a shed. A hydrostatic control lever regulates the speed.

Tim says he isn't aware of any similar product on the market. He sells the EZ Mover for about \$3,000.

"I've been using my EZ Mover for three years and it works just great," he says, noting that it maneuvers easily around trees and into tight spots.

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Portable Go-Bagger can fill about 240 2-cu. ft. bags per hour. It'll bag compost, mulch, soil, sand, corn, beans or almost anything else.

Compost-Bagging Machine

If you've been looking at the composting business and wondering how you would get your product to market, this might be the machine you've been looking for.

The Go-Bagger from Rotochopper can fill about 240 2-cu. ft. bags per hour. It only takes about 5 min. to get the machine up and running, and, because it's portable, you can put it to work wherever and whenever you want. One person can run it but for maximum production, a two or three-person crew is recommended.

At 2,600 lbs., the portable machine can be towed by any truck or car. Monte Hight, sales manager, adds that you wouldn't want to haul it with the hopper full.

It's powered by a 20 hp Honda 13,000-watt generator and a 2 hp Dewalt air com-

pressor. It features a 24-in. plastic bag sealer.

Because it is a gravity fed machine, it can't bag wood shavings or other light weight materials. But it'll bag compost, mulch, soil, sand, corn, beans or almost anything else.

The Go-Bagger costs about \$31,000 and for \$8,000, a full-length agitator/beater can be added to the hopper. Hight says you'd only need this to keep soil from hardening.

The machine comes with supply bags and the company will assist with finding the best supplier.

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Want a grass that doesn't grow much? "No Mow" lawn mix is a specially designed blend of six slow-growing fine fescue turf grasses. It normally grows to about 3 1/2 in. high.

"No-Mow" Grass Biz Continues To Grow

Ahh, the joys of home ownership during the summer: tending to the garden, barbecuing with friends, evening strolls in the neighborhood, and mowing grass. Lots of it if the weather is more rainy than sunny.

For those who love the fresh look of a manicured lawn and hate mowing it, there's a solution: No-Mow grass.

First introduced two years ago in Vol. 26, No. 5, this is the grass that doesn't grow.

Sherry Andow-Jansen, Cleveland, Minn., who operates NoMowGrass.com, says that business has boomed since our original article appeared.

Planting of the mix of creeping bluegrass and centipede grass can be done any time between spring and fall. Even if planted in the fall, with snow covering it, the grass can survive to sprout early in the spring.

Because the seed is smaller than normal grass seed, it doesn't take much to cover a large area. You can also seed NoMow Grass into an existing lawn and it will eventually take over.

It grows to about 3 1/2 in. high, although with heavy rains and no mowing, it can reach 5 1/2 in. tall.

To keep it groomed, Andow-Jansen does cut her lawn three times a year - just before

Memorial Day, around the Fourth of July, and a week before Labor Day.

In five years, she's watered it once because of a drought.

The main problem she finds with the grass is that the seed sprouts fine blades and it takes a few extra months to establish a root system. You need at least three good growing months for it to take hold.

While the price of NoMow Grass has declined since our article, shipping costs have increased, especially to Canada.

It comes in 1, 5 or 25-lb. bags for \$21, \$76, or \$290. These prices include shipping and handling. You can order by mail or on the internet.

They also have discounted packages on Ebay.

Right now, Andow-Jansen is looking for dealers to sell the product.

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Custom Made Deerskin Clothing

There is a company in Hartville, Ohio, that not only tans your deer and elk hides, but will also turn them into clothing and accessories for you.

Custom Made Sportswear is a "ma and pa" operation run by Ken and Sue Vaughan, who've been in the business for over 40 years.

Besides their tannery and sewing shop, the couple have a small retail store with a selection of their handcrafted deerskin apparel and other leather products in stock.

"We also do alterations and leather repair," says Ken Vaughan. "About half of our business is with sportsmen wanting to have the hides they bring us tanned. Many of them hire us to make special order things for them from the hides. The other half of our business is regular retail."

The Vaughans make things for their retail store using deer and elk hides they tan themselves. The couple also tans sheep and goat skins and sells sheepskin rugs for just \$39. They make and carry a variety of leather items such as jackets, purses, wallets, gloves and rifle scabbards.

Although prices do fluctuate according to the market, custom tanning of deer hides cur-

rently costs \$29 per hide.

"Many people don't realize that it takes between four and six deer hides to make one jacket," Ken says. "Once they're tanned, it will cost you an average of \$158 more (currently) to have us sew you a jacket from the hides you supply."

He says people often look through the styles in the retail store to see "what suits their fancy" before they order.

According to Vaughan, the cost of having a custom-made jacket done at their store is comparable to purchasing something from another store that was made domestically, but it's about double of what a coat manufactured off-shore would cost.

"We have a lot of repeat customers. We're dealing with grandchildren of our original customers now," Ken says. "People like to deal here because we have a lot of unique products. They like the fact that they can have one-of-a-kind things made."

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