

'No-Till' Attachment For Planters

An Iowa corn-soybean farmer's no-till attachment that mounts on older conventional planters for planting in trash and sod has caught on fast with farmers throughout the Midwest since our July-August issue.

Greg Hohl, Donnellson, Iowa, says his "no-till" planter attachment eliminates the need for buying an expensive no-till planter "which can cost \$2,500 to \$3,000 per row". His device, which he is patenting, sells for \$225 per row. He uses a converted IH Cyclo on his own 800-acre farm.

"My framework serves to transfer weight of the older conventional planter from the lift wheels to the coulters, overcoming the problem of not having enough weight to penetrate through trash," explains Hohl. He adds that converted planters will plant at 4 to 6 mph.

The attachment is designed to fit IH 400 air planters, 4 to 8-row, and JD 7000 series planters. Due to demand, Hohl has also developed attachments to fit John Deere 494 and 495 series, the Deere 1240 series, and International's 56 series. The \$225/row price includes a coulter. When planting in extra-hard sod, an additional closing device, which Hohl supplies, is needed.

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Bryan Furnace

One of the most popular products we've ever featured in FARM SHOW (Vol. 6, No. 1, 1982) is the Bryan outside fur nace, a completely self-contained wood-burning furnace that goes outside the home and requires absolutely no home modification to install.

From inside, the Bryan furnace appears to be similar to a window type air conditioner. It warms air outside the house, then blows it into the home through a window mounted duct," explains Charles Cobos, president of Bryan Furnace Works. "Besides requiring no modification to your home, combustion is contained in a fire-proof unit outside the home. All ashes and fumes are outside. All that enters your living space is warm air."

The Bryan furnace takes up to 30 in. logs and will burn up to 10 hours with one fueling. The firebox has been beefed-up this year from 16 ga. steel to 10 ga. steel to handle the high-burning temperatures of coal and any other solid fuel.

"The furnace will function satisfactorily, even in a snow bank, as long as its air intake is kept clear," explains Cobos. "The unit can be placed in a garage or shed and heat blown to the house through an insulated underground duct. The heater will handle coal mixed with wood, or straight wood. Ashes need to be cleaned out once every 2 or 3 days.

Bryan Furnace Works offers models producing 60, 80 and 400 thousand btu's per hour. The largest model is designed primarily for poultry, hog and dairy barns.

The home-size 60,000 btu Bryan furnace sells for \$1,075.

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Loader-Mounted Bucket Backhoe

"People can hardly believe what they're seeing when we show it to them," says Martin Paskewitz, manufacturer's representative for the BenBucket, the unique new backhoe-like bucket that's designed to fit any conventional tractor loader that we showed you in our January-February issue.

The bucket is 5 ft. wide, holds about ¼ cu. yard and digs most soils to a depth of about 7 ft. For digging narrow trenches, you can dig from the side. The Ben-Bucket reaches out about 10 ft. in front of the tractor, 15 ft. above it and 7 ft. below.

Besides digging or cleaning out ditches, the bucket can be used for many other tasks, such as backfilling, dozing, hauling manure and any other bucket work around the farm. Because the bucket is loaded via hydraulics, there's less tendency for the front tractor wheels to sink in.

When hauling gravel, for instance, you don't have to charge the pile as with a conventional loader. You simply drive up to it and lower the bucket into it hydraulically. Another advantage is that with its long reach it'll stretch up over the sides of lagoons, high wagons and spreaders.

The BenBucket weighs about 500 lbs, and requires only the welding of two small brackets to the existing loader for installation.

Retails for \$2,200 (Canadian dollars).

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