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## Big Silage Trailer Unloads From Both Sides

After over a decade of making silage-hauling equipment, brothers Randy and Rick Schwindt have developed what they say is the safest and fastest unloading trailer on the market.

The Schwindt brothers business is located in Utica, Kansas where Rick heads up the manufacturing plant and Randy handles sales.

"Hoist-operated dump boxes require a level and firm dump site, and chain-unload boxes can be extremely slow and expensive to maintain. Our new SideChuter unloads almost anywhere, is extremely fast, and requires

minimal maintenance."

After over two years of work, the Schwindts came up with a trailer that incorporates an inverted "V" floor that's angled at 50 degrees. The trailer has two independent sets of side doors. The lower door is hinged at the bottom and makes an extended ramp when lowered. This moves material away from the tires when dumping. The upper door is hinged at the top and is also opened with a set of hydraulic cylinders. "With this design you can unload on-the-go on uneven terrain because the load slides evenly down the "V"



Design lets you unload on-the-go on uneven terrain because the load slides evenly down the "V" floor and out both sides of trailer.

floor and out both sides of the trailer," Rick explains.

The SideChuter trailer is 36 ft. in length and can be ordered with either spring or air-ride suspension. It holds up to 30 tons of corn silage and unloads in a very short distance.

"Since the silage unloads into two separate, even plies, it's much easier to push the load up. And since this trailer unloads in less than 10 seconds, the packer tractor isn't sitting idle waiting for the truck to get out of its way."

The SideChuter sells for \$39,750 equipped with air ride suspension. Deduct \$2,500 for spring ride. Contact the company for a free video of the revolutionary trailer in action.

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Paul and Cynthia Willis started with a 54-ft. wide, 105-ft. long Morton building and made it into their home.

## Family Lives In Morton Building

"We saved a bundle over traditional construction by making our home inside a Morton building, and acting as our own general contractor," says Cynthia Willis of Orrstown, Pennsylvania. "We live in a really nice home that cost \$195,000 (Canadian), but has 3,600 sq. ft. of living space and an attached 2,000 sq. ft. garage. I think that translates to \$35/sq. ft. Morton now sells housing units, but we just converted a conventional steel building. We love it."

They started with a building 105 ft. long and 54 ft. wide. Morton put up the shell, installed the windows, two double-wide garage doors, and 6-in. side wall insulation with vapor barriers. Morton affixed 1 by 3 boards to the inside walls, which is what the interior walls attach to.

"We subcontracted locally to finish off the inside of the house," Willis says. "Before they poured the concrete, our plumber came over and installed the water lines and drains, and the electrician ran lines that were needed in the floor."

Interior walls were framed up with 2 by 4's but none of them are load bearing.

"We don't have any walls between our kitchen, family room, dining room, and living room," Willis says. "It's wonderful that way. I can work in my kitchen, and feel like I'm still part of the family instead of feeling isolated. My kitchen is huge - it has two 4 by 8 1/2-ft. islands, two stove tops, and a double oven. The cabinets are 8 ft. tall and were made

by a local cabinet maker. The kitchen/dining room area is about 32 ft. wide and the family/living room is about 36 ft. wide. The distance across the room in the other dimension is about 40 ft."

The only rooms with drywall on the ceiling are the bathrooms. In the other rooms, they used "drop" ceilings because with the 54-ft. roof span they were concerned about heavy snow and ice loads.

It's not noisy inside the house when it rains because there are 15 in. of blown in insulation between the ceiling and the roof, but they say they do hear a muffled sound of rain on the roof and they find it very relaxing.

"We have a little wood stove in our family room that can heat the whole house. We also have a ground water heat system but wood heat just feels good, so we use it a lot in the coldest months," she says. "Our air conditioning for the whole house is no more expensive than the window units we used on our old house. My husband says he wanted the house wide, so the earth's natural 55 degree temperature could help both heat and cool. It sure seems to help."

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## Corn Stalk Mailbox

How about this - an 8-ft. high metal corn stalk mailbox. It was built by Dee Lee Treat and stands in front of his home in North Platte, Neb.

The corn stalk mailbox is made entirely from welded-together metal that's painted green and has a steel plate welded onto it about half way up that supports the mailbox. A steel rod welded on diagonally between the stalk and mailbox provides reinforcement. The stalk contains two ears of corn, with the silks made out of short lengths of yellow rope clamped onto the end of the ear. The tassel is painted yellow. The bottom of the corn stalk is welded to a large steel disc blade that's buried about 2 ft. in the ground.

"It has become quite a conversation piece in our neighborhood," says Treat. "I got the idea after our daughter's husband, who's an agronomist, saw a photo of a similar corn stalk and our daughter showed it to me. She asked me to build one for her, too. So far I've built two models and am building another one for a neighbor."

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