Reader Recipes

We're looking for unusual, innovative, or just plain good-tasting recipes. If you have a favorite you'd like to share, send to: Reader Recipes, P.O. Box 1029, Lakeville, Minn. 55044 or E-mail: Recipes@farmshow.com

Cantaloupe Soup

1 cantaloupe - peeled, seeded and cubed 2 cups orange juice 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Peel, seed, and cube the cantaloupe Place cantaloupe and 1/2 cup orange juice in a blender or food processor; cover, and process until smooth. Transfer to large bowl. Stir in lime juice, cinnamon, and remaining orange juice. Cover, and refrigerate for at least one hour. Garnish with mint, if desired.

Facial Skin Treatment

1 tablespoon dry skim milk

1 fresh egg white 1/2 teaspoon honey

Whip ingredients together until smooth. Apply thickly over your face and throat. Do not rub the cream in; just smooth it over your skin as if you were frosting a cake. Leave the mixture on for 15 minutes, then rinse it off with cold water. Finish your facial treatment with your favorite moisturizer Rhonda Featheringill Palmyra, Indiana

Orange Pop Chicken

1 to 1 1/2 lbs. skinless chicken breasts 1/2 oz. can orange pop 1/2 C. soy sauce

Put chicken in the crockpot. Mix pop and soy sauce together and pour over chicken. Susan Metcalf, Agri-News

Banana Butter

4 large bananas 2 tablespoons lemon juice

1 1/2 cups of sugar 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves

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"Stinker" Mailbox

If your mailbox has ever been vandalized, then you'll understand why Ray Hauser came up with his "stinker" mailbox. It lets him get a bit of revenge in a way that might also lead to an arrest.

Hauser was frustrated at seeing countless mailboxes vandalized near his Boulder, Colo., homestead. So he came up with the idea of attaching two tubes of "skunk oil" to the side of the box.

When a mailbox is bashed, the tubes break, splashing "skunk oil" onto the perpetrator's bat or club. "He may not know that he's been skunked until he brings the club back into the vehicle, probably transferring some of the stink onto his hands, clothing and perhaps vehicle upholstery," he says.

Hauser recommends warning neighbors about the skunk oil tubes so they're extra careful around your mailbox. And if your mailbox gets smashed, you should tell the authorities. "Then they can question guys they might see in the car wash at midnight trying to remove the stink," he says.

Hauser hopes to have his "stinker" on the market in early December. The kit will cost between \$20 and \$25 plus S&H.

He also has other mailbox vandal fighting tools including the "Bat Grabber" and "Squirter".

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Magnetic Storage Shelf

You won't believe how much this new magnetic storage rack can hold. It attaches solidly to any metallic surface such as refrigerators or big toolboxes. In fact, we have one in the kitchen here at FARM SHOW.

The MagnaRack is made from heavy duty ABS plastic and measures 2 7/8 in. wide by 16 1/2 in. long. It uses powerful "rare earth" magnets to stick on any steel appliance, refrigerator, file cabinet, gym locker, desk or shed, truck or machine.

Inventor Rex Rothing says the shelf's capacity depends on the surface it's attached to. The cleaner and thicker the metal, the better it holds. "It will support up to 5 lbs. on a vinyl-coated refrigerator. On a painted metal object or appliance.



Storage rack uses powerful "rare earth" magnets that stick to any metallic surface.

a painted metal object or appliance, it will support more than 10 lbs. Placed on a forklift or tractor, the MagnaRack safely holds up to 20 lbs. The only caution is these magnets are so strong you have to keep them at least 6 in. away from cell phones, watches, credit cards, computers, cameras, tapes, compact discs, and other sensitive electronic media."

Available in brown, white, or black. Sells for \$17.95 plus \$5.95 S & H, with discounts for two or more. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Soy Bread Now On The Market

Researchers at Ohio State University have accomplished something no one else has been able to do: create a patent-pending process that uses 52 percent soy in a 2-lb. loaf of bread without it having a "beany" aftertaste.

Healthyhearth bread may be coming to a grocer near you soon. It's already on the market in Columbus, Ohio.

Cory Ballard, president of Bavoy, Inc., the company that markets the bread, says it has a similar texture and flavor to Brownberry Natural Breads.

It also doesn't "go bad" as fast as other breads. "It'll last around 14 days and then it molds before it stales," he says.

Although made of soy, it's not a low-carb bread.



It does come with the FDA's hearthealthy claim, which reads "Diets low in saturated fat and cholesterol that include 25 grams of soy protein a day may reduce the risk of heart disease.

The bread sells for \$3.79 per 2-lb. loaf and comes in original soy, soy multigrain, and soy cinnamon raisin.

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Composter rides on a 2-wheel trailer with a handle on front so it can be pulled around by hand. Barrel rotates on four riding lawn mower wheels.

Portable Composter Made From 55-Gal. Plastic Barrel

"It isn't as fancy as some commercial units you can buy, but I spent less than \$25 to build it," says Dennis Hartman, Williamsburg, Mich, who converted an old 55-gal. plastic barrel into a low-cost, portable composter.

The composter rides on a 2-wheel trailer with a handle on front so it can be pulled around by hand. The barrel rests on four 6-in, riding lawn mower wheels bolted to the trailer frame. There's an 18-in, sq. door cut into the side of the barrel and three 2-in, high steel blades bolted inside the barrel to help mix up the compost. He just rotates the barrel by hand.

"I built it last spring and use it to compost garden leftovers, fruit peelings, food scraps, and so on," says Hartman. "I rotate the barrel about twice a week. It works great, but a black plastic barrel might work better because it would heat up faster."

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