



New domes come with multi-color tarps and are available in diameters of 30, 38, 42, and 50 ft.



Silver Stream owners Daryl Enns and Dave Arnold recently demonstrated the strength of the new building by hanging a full-sized pickup from the center hub.

Domed "Hoop" Building Ready For Market

That first-ever hoop-type domed building that we told you about last summer (Vol. 26, No. 4) is now ready for market.

Silver Stream Shelters is well known to FARM SHOW readers for its innovative wood-hoop structures and metal truss designs (Vol. 25, No. 2). Company owners Daryl Enns and Dave Arnold say their latest new creation is totally unique to the industry.

"We invented a new hub which mounts at the peak of the building, joining conventional trusses to create a circular structure that's unlike anything on the market," says Enns.

The building comes in 30, 38, 42, and 50-ft. dia. sizes.

"We feel this building design will be ideal for cattle handling, grain storage, salt and sand storage, and even machinery storage. It might also work great as an indoor training facility for horses, as well as for many other uses that we haven't even thought of yet," says Enns. "It's a relatively inexpensive way to add extra storage to your farm and it also makes a great conversation piece."

The new domed building can be covered with multi-colored tarps. Doors up to 12 ft. wide are set up between the arches.

A 30-ft. dia. dome building sells for just over \$5,000. Silver Stream wants to get a few of the buildings out and work with the owners on optional design features so they'll sell the first buildings at \$3,150 for a 30-ft. and \$4,170 for a 38-ft.

Enns notes that in addition to the new domes, the company has a limited supply of wood frame and metal truss hoop buildings at a special price for FARM SHOW readers. For \$2,995 you can get a 30 by 72-ft. building, including a 12.5-oz. tarp with a 15-



Secret to design of new domed building is the new center hub which joins conventional hoop-type trusses together.

year warranty.

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Low-Cost "Culvert Feed Bunks"

"They didn't cost much and should last a lifetime," says Rusty Faubion, Blockton, Iowa, who turned 36-in. dia. concrete culverts into fenceline feed bunks.

The culverts were given to him after a highway was rebuilt in front of his house. They're 6 ft. long and are designed to interlock tightly together. Faubion used a big cement saw to cut each culvert in half lengthwise. The culverts were then placed end to end alongside a home-built cable fence.

"It was a lot of work but the effort was worth it," says Faubion. "All together I made about 176 ft. of bunks. I borrowed the cement saw from a construction company and paid \$119 for a new blade. The culverts are 4 in. thick and have rebar spaced 2 in. apart at the top and bottom. It took about 20 minutes to make each cut.

"The bunks are free-standing and won't tilt. They hold a lot of feed."

Faubion says a lot of counties across the country are switching from cement road culverts to plastic and steel. "You can often get concrete culverts cheap," he says.

To make it easy to clean old feed out of the bunks, Faubion welded a round steel disc to a 6 1/2-ft. long piece of steel pipe. A length of chain bolts to the end of the pipe. To clean out the bunk, he hooks the chain onto the bucket on his front-end loader and then drives alongside the bunks.



Rusty Faubion made these fenceline feed bunks out of old 36-in. dia. concrete culverts.



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