

Hat Collection Reaches 54,386

When we first met Buckey Legried, back in 1997, his cap collection was already among the world's largest at 24,000. He has since expanded the collection to an incredible 54,386 caps, which makes it by far the largest in the world.

According to a recent report in *Minnesota Farm Guide* (www.minnesotafarmguide.com), Legried has about 2,000 caps on display in his garage and basement. The rest are in storage, 24 caps per box or about 2,000 boxes.

He has caps from Brazil, Denmark, Japan, Korea, Norway, China, Sweden and Venezuela, and many other countries. He has at least one John Deere cap from each state and all of the Canadian provinces except New Foundland. It's not easy to keep up with new Deere caps, says Legried. "Deere comes out with a new cap design many times through-

out the year. They have so many different lines of equipment and operate in so many areas of the world that I don't even try to keep track of every new cap they come out with."

Legried keeps many of his caps on display in his basement, which has shelves on both sides. One side has nothing but Deere caps. The other side has caps with the Deere dealer's name, town and state. Other caps are stored in two 48-ft. semi-trailers.

"A lot of people know about my collection and I still get phone calls from people who want to give me caps," says Legried. He recently sent in his application to Guinness World Records for the world's largest cap collection."

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Legried keeps some caps on display in his basement. Others are stored in a pair of 48-ft. semi-trailers.



First you inject gas into underground tunnel or den (left). Then you use remote detonator to ignite gas (right). The resulting explosion kills by concussion.

Remote-Controlled "Blaster" Kills Underground Pests

The idea of blasting gophers and other underground pests with an explosion of propane has been around for many years. But the possible danger of the procedure has kept some people away.

A new underground blaster called Safekrush is said to eliminate any risk of blasting yourself. Like other units on the market, it has a wand that you use to inject propane and oxygen into underground tunnels. But instead of a detonator that fits on the end of the wand, it has a remote-controlled electronic detonator that you activate with a wireless remote from a safe distance away.

The manufacturer says the new system appeals to farm women who don't normally like setting traps, using poison bait, or standing right over a tunnel while it's blown up. "Our new system works great on nearly any underground pest including gophers, moles, muskrats, ground squirrels, prairie dogs, badgers, and woodchucks," says company representative John Rogers. He notes that a full foot of the flame-proof wand can be inserted into the den for improved ignition of the gasses. "The injection unit is much lighter than other systems and you get additional equipment for about half the price. In addition, Safekrush comes with helpful aids, such as the Wind Guard and a flameproof tarp for treating Voles, which is normally a very difficult rodent to control."

The patent pending system includes an injection wand, the remote control detonation device, two pressure control valves, and a mobile cart for pulling it around. It sells for \$1,170 plus \$25 S&H.

Oxygen and propane are mixed as they're injected into the underground tunnels. The gasses rapidly spread throughout the tunnel complex and then expand at a rate of 5,000 ft. per second after detonation, killing all animals at once by concussion. Unlike traps, which kill one at a time, you can wipe out an entire colony in minutes, notes Rogers.

Any size oxygen and propane tanks can be used with the system.

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Westendorf's new "auto dump" loaders quick-tach to any brand ATV, garden tractor, or lawn tractor up to 20 hp.

"Auto Dump" Bucket For ATV's, Garden Tractors

Putting a loader on an ATV or garden tractor, or lawn tractor is an idea whose time has come, says Westendorf Mfg.

The "auto dump" loaders quick-tach to any brand or model ATV, garden tractor, or lawn tractor up to 20 hp, with or without a 3-pt. hitch. The bucket mounts on front of an ATV or lawn tractor and can be either front or rear-mounted on garden tractors. Models are available to raise the bucket 3, 4, or 5 ft. high.

The bucket operates off the machine's battery and bolts to its frame. A single switch is used to raise, dump, and reset the bucket.

A "clam shell" bucket for hauling grass clippings and leaves is also available.

"We offer a wide variety of attachments for the bucket," says Matt Westendorf. "It can be removed in less than five minutes by removing three pins. The bucket's mounting brackets don't interfere with belly-mounted

mowers, so you don't have to remove the mower in order to use the bucket."

The company has also introduced a new forklift, blade, and boom designed for its add-on 3-pt. hitch called the Power Point Converter. "The blade hinges in the middle so you can use it as a flat blade or a V-plow," says Westendorf. "The forklift can be used to move pallets and boxes, etc. The boom can be used to move engines, etc. We also offer extended lift poles that can be used to move picnic tables and garbage bins, etc.," he notes.

The auto-dump bucket and mounting brackets sell for about \$500. The Power Point Converter sells for about \$600.

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