Kids love these farm implements made just for pedal tractors. They're created by Tom Snyder, a Storm Lake, Iowa farmer.

The implements include a grain cart, gravity wagon, flake wagon, tandem disk, disk chisel, 4-row planter, and 6-row planter. All are made from sq. tubing and sheet metal and are available in red, green, blue, yellow, or your color of choice.

"I try to make the toys as realistic as possible, with attention to detail. For example, the gravity wagon is equipped with wheel-barrow flotation tires to look like the flotation tires used on a real gravity wagon," says Snyder. "I came up with the idea because my three sons, ages 8, 6, and 5, kept telling me they wanted me to build toys like the real equipment I use in the field. I started with a gravity wagon and have been designing one or two other implements every year. I operate a body shop and do some of the work there. Customers started noticing them and asked if I would build the toys for them. "The biggest thing I get out of building these pedal tractor implements is seeing the kids’ excitement. It lets farm kids use their imagination so they think they’re farming a million acres."

To build the implements, Snyder starts with 1/64-scale toy models and blows them up to get a pattern before doing the actual metal work. "I have a friend who uses his brake press to bend metal for me."

Prices range from $125 for the tandem disk, disk chisel, and field cultivator up to $250 for the 6-row planter. Add $35 S&H per item.

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**Mini Tractors That Really Work**

After Roy Baker retired from farming, he started building miniature farm toys. They range from 1/64-scale to 1/4-in. scale, and include mini tractors that actually run.

In fact, he got so good at building them that Deere threatened to sue him. Baker, who is 77, began building and selling miniature working Deere tractors in the 1980’s. He was a bit surprised when he received a cease and desist letter from Deere. The company threatened to sue Roy and 12 other toy makers nationwide who made and sold Deere tractors without a license.

But instead of suing, Roy was granted the first special license by the company allowing him to build and sell his tiny tractors.

Baker says his working 1937 Deere B tractor can pull up to 100 lbs. He started building it in 1991 and had it operating by 1996. "If you want to sell, you must build a Deere. It sells a lot better than other brands," he says.

As a farmer, Roy had none of the skills that now permit him to mold aluminum and make parts. He searched around until he found someone who could give him guidance. A high school teacher provided some valuable help. He began working with pouring aluminum castings that he first carved out of wood.

Roy says the first aluminum he poured was heated by a coal-fired furnace, which says something for his “can do” attitude. He has learned some very sophisticated skills along the way. One is to operate a pantograph. He has acquired a couple of these tools. A pantograph permits a skilled person to trace over an existing part to reproduce it. The bales measure 7 in. long by 3 1/2 in. wide. They are tied with baler twine that’s fed up through the bottom by “twine needles” that are connected to a foot-operated pedal. "People are amazed at how real the bales look. Some people use the bales as decorations, some use them to feed their rabbits or as bedding for pets," says Bergmann. At shows he sells the bales for $2 apiece. He also sells them wholesale.

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**Josh Bergmann has custom-built a variety of pedal tractor implements entirely from metal, except for a flatbed wagon and manure spreader which have some wood parts.**

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**Bergmann built his own mini baler out of square tubing. It’s powered by a 1/2 hp electric motor.**

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**Roy Baker’s 1937 John Deere B tractor is an actual running model. In the background is a 1955 MTA that he carved out of wood.**

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**Roy with a Cub Cadet under construction (left). He makes a variety of other items as well, including mini implement seats.**