

Go-Anywhere Post hole Digger

Practically no space is too tight for the Ground-Hawg, gas powered post hole auger. Mounted on a platform with pneumatic wheels for easy maneuvering by hand, the one-man post hole auger can get in where a tractor or even skid steer would be stopped dead.

"We revamped an earlier model called Dr. Dig to make it beefier," says Ray Swords, DeepRock Manufacturing Co. "With the Ground-Hawg, one man can roll up and down a fence line or take it inside a building with a dirt floor. It can drill straight down or at up to a 30 degree angle."

The unit is powered by a 6 hp Tecumseh Powerhead with gearbox. It can drill holes up to 8 in. in diameter and 48 in. deep. The unit comes standard with an 8

by 30-in. auger and an 18-in. extension. Options include 2, 4, and 6-in. auger bits.

To operate the Ground-Hawg, the wheels are flipped up to rest the platform on the ground. Operator weight helps stabilize the drill. A chain drive hoist raises and lowers the auger for fingertip control.

The Ground-Hawg is priced at \$1,811 within the lower 48 states. Customs fees apply in Canada, with extra shipping to Alaska, Hawaii and other locations.

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Laser Guns Scare Pest Birds Away

It's dawn and the Canadian Geese are coming in. Someone picks up something that looks like a rifle and pulls the trigger. But instead of a bang and spray of bullets, a bright red, wide laser beam cuts a 1 1/2-mile long path through the low light. The geese are startled, and they fly away.

At \$7,700, the Reed Joseph International Company's Desman Laser isn't likely something a farmer or gardener will buy. But it's a useful unit in the arsenal of airport managers or people who do wildlife control for a living.

"It has limitations as it's only effective in low light conditions," says Barthell Joseph III, sales manager for the Greenville,

Miss., company.

The company offers a less expensive laser gun, the Avian Dissuader for \$1,095, which has a 1,500-ft. range and 650 mm wavelength beam. It's a one time cost since it only requires a 9-volt battery that lasts 20 to 30 hours.

Lasers are just the latest in a line of non-lethal items Reed Joseph has developed over the years for bird and wildlife control.

"Our most effective items are our pyrotechnic weapons, our Screamer Siren and Bird Bangers," he notes. "Cartridges are launched from small hand held launchers that are similar to starter pistols."

Various cartridges travel different

distances making different sounds to scare off birds and animals: Bird Banger, 150-ft.; Screamer Siren, 250 ft.; Screamer Banger Rocket, 400 ft.; and CAPA, 1,000 ft. Cartridges cost between \$45 and \$95 per 100 rounds. CAPA rounds cost \$440 for 25. Launchers range from \$35 to \$42.

"We see a little growth every year," Joseph says. Customers include everyone from gardeners and farmers to airport managers. Besides scaring birds, the launchers and lasers are effective on deer, hogs and other wildlife.

Check out the company's website for other options and new products that continue to be developed.



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Fast New Bale Handling System For Both Round And Square Bales

After five years of testing and modifications, Wil-Be Equipments recently introduced their new-style trailers and bale forks designed to handle big square and round bales twice as fast as any other bale handling system.

"Key to success of our design is that it allows the operator to follow the baler to pick up bales, rather than having to drive across fields," says Gerry Carpentier of Wil-Be.

Forks are spaced about 12 in. wider than the bale to be picked up. The key to the speed of the forks is the simple design. The forks are static; however, a ridged rail hinged to them is activated when the loader touches the ground. When lowered over a bale, the rail rides loosely against the sides of the bale. On the ground, a lever activated by ground pressure keeps the rails over the forks and clear of the bale. When the loader is raised, the lever releases the rail, which bites into the bale. As the bale is lifted, the rail is held in place by the weight of the bale; no hydraulics are needed. Depending on the model and the tractor/loader combination, an operator

can pick up 1 to 6 bales at a time.

Models range from two to three forks and include designs for only square bales, only round bales, or for both styles. They are also sized for 32, 48 and 60-in. bale widths.

Twin forks allow an operator to quickly pick up bales and stack them on top of each other and pick them up again, simply by raising and lowering the loader. With a triple fork arrangement, the operator picks up one, moves on, sets the first down beside the second and then picks up both. For additional bales, the operator simply lowers the forks with two bales with one bale centered over the third bale, stacking them. Once the loader has bottomed out on the ground, the process is repeated, this time picking up three bales at a time. If the loader and tractor are large enough, this process can be repeated until 6 bales are being moved down the field. To leave assembled bales in the field, the operator simply backs away from them with the loader on the ground.

For even faster bale removal, a second set

of bale forks can be mounted on the rear of a tractor. With triple fork models in place, a large tractor can stack and remove 12 large square bales or four large round at a time, points out Carpentier.

Like the forks, Wil-Be trailers also follow a simple design, although hydraulics do play a role here. They come in five models and two widths. There's a 9-ft. wide, 35-ft. long single unit or a 24-ft. long, 13-ft. wide double unit. Depending on the model, a trailer can hold single or double rows of square bales stacked three high or round bales stacked two high.

Again speed was the goal. "We can pick up a load of bales directly from the ground or drop them and drive away in just three minutes," says Carpentier.

The trailer, which resembles a three-sided box on wheels, is backed over the stacked bales. Once in place, the trailer is lowered to the ground. Hydraulic-activated rails automatically press against the bales as the trailer is raised off the ground. Bales are held in place by a chain across the back or by an

optional hydraulically operated rear gate.

"We can pick up 20 large bale as they are dropped by the baler, stack them and pick them up with the wagon in 16 minutes," says Carpentier. "Plus, it's a one-man job to load the bales on the trailer. With the optional gate, the operator doesn't even have to get off to secure the bales before leaving the field."

The trailers are equipped with heavy-duty disc brakes and semi trailers wheels and are designed to travel down the road at speeds up to 37 mph. "We installed 1 1/2-in. thick by 16-in. diameter, double disc brakes for safety," he says. "They can be activated electronically or hydraulically."

Bale forks retail from \$3,500 to \$5,000 (Can). Trailers are priced from \$39,000 to \$49,000 (Can).

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