



Two Banger bale accumulator picks up 2 bales, one on either side of tractor (far left). Once loaded, wings on either side of rear-mount bar swing backwards so paired bales can then be carried off the field or down the road

## Neck-Saving “Two Banger” Bale Grabber

Tired of looking over your shoulder hauling big round bales with a tractor 3-pt. hitch? This new Two Banger bale accumulator picks up 2 bales and drops them in place without a backward glance or change of direction.

Gregg Cooper, CoBra IP, says, “It’s ideal for smaller operators who use them to transport bales from field to farmstead. Other operators stack bales by the field.”

The rear-mount toolbar features a wing with bale spears facing forward on either side. The operator lowers the toolbar to the ground and drives forward sliding the spears under the bales. Once loaded, the toolbar is raised, and the wing folds back on the bar. With the bales now paired and behind the tractor, they can be carried off the field. Simply lower the toolbar to the ground, and the bales slide off.

The Two Banger works with twine or net wrapped bales. The narrow (folded) profile makes travelling through gates or down roads easy as well. The simple design is lubrication free, only requiring hydraulics and a 3-pt. hitch.

“The Two Banger works with a tractor around 100 hp, but the important thing is how much your 3-pt. will lift,” says Cooper.

“It has to carry the 1,600-lb. weight of the accumulator and two bales.”

CoBra IP sells the Two Banger direct, but is also working with several distributors. Suggested retail price is \$4,995.

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## Winged Shelter Protects Herd Two Ways

This new calf shelter has a set of 30-ft. long windbreak panels that provide up to 100 ft. of wind protection for your herd. Best of all, you can move the works from one spot to another in minutes, protecting against disease as well as weather.

“Cattlemen like the moveable windbreaks and mobile shelter because they can keep moving it to fresh ground during calving,” says Mike Fey, owner of Tuffernhell Goat Equipment. “You can use them around buildings, on pasture or move them between herds on different sites.”

The 7-ft. tall by 30-ft. panels have 8-ft. legs for attaching to posts or posts and a shelter. They can be ordered with 26-ga. tin solid face or 36-in. slats with 2-in. spacing. The 30-ft. panels are priced at \$660.

At the top/center of each panel, Fey welds a loader bar. Any tractor loader with a lift of 9 ft. or more can pick up a panel and move

it as needed.

Fey’s shelters are almost as easy to move. Simply hook a chain to the lifting lugs built into the shelter corners, and lift with a front-end loader. The 16-in. wheels slide in and out of brackets and are pinned in place for transit. Attach the hitch, and the shelter can be towed at speeds of up to 45 mph on the road.

The mobile shelters are 7 ft. high in back, rising to 8 ft. high in front. Fey offers three models, all 12 ft. wide with lengths of 24 (\$4,000), 30 (\$5,500) and 42 ft. (\$7,000 with or without the maternity pen). Fey will add a head gate to the maternity pen for an additional \$500 if the buyer prefers not using his own.

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## “Dirt Hole Closer” Eliminates Shovel Work

Anyone who needs to fill loose soil into holes will be interested in this new skid loader-mounted “dirt hole closer” invented by a Texas pecan grower.

“You can use it to fill any hole from 6 to 60-in. dia. in 15 sec. or less,” says Robert Hawkins.

“It works great for planting bare root trees or any type of shrubs where you need to fill in the hole. It also works great for filling in dirt around fence posts and utility poles and for doing general landscaping work.”

The unit attaches to any 20 to 80 hp skid loader. It’s equipped with a pair of 60-in. long, 10-in. high steel wings that open up 8 ft. wide via two hydraulic cylinders. The wings are curved at the end, allowing them to come together when closed. A 20-in. wide “dozer blade” mounts between the wings.

To operate, you open the arms and lower them to the ground as you approach the hole. Dirt will accumulate between the arms as you begin to move forward, allowing you to push dirt into the hole. Then close the arms and back away slowly, to pull dirt in from the

sides and opposite end of the hole. After the hole has been filled, open the arms and back away.

“It has a low profile that allows you to easily see the work area, taking all the guesswork out of the job,” says Hawkins. “It works great for moving any kind of loose material, including mulch.

“I came up with the idea because I have a 40-acre pecan orchard and grow a lot of nursery stock that has to be frequently transplanted. After the trees were planted, it used to take several people to fill in all the holes.

“There’s a platform behind the dozer blade where someone can stand and hold a bare root tree or fence post steady as the hole is being filled.

Sells for \$3,300 plus S&H. The seat sells for \$150 plus S&H.

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