

How To Bring Home A Trophy Buck

Dave Wheeler owns a company that has been making livestock minerals for 85 years. About 1996 he got the idea of boosting antler size on wild deer with a special mineral formulation that also acts as an attractant.

Soon after he started experimenting with it, the local deer population started sprouting record-sized antlers. In fact, one of the first customers to try his "Lucky Buck" minerals, Vic Bulliner, shot a world record 8-pt. buck in 2001.

"My friends and I have hunted the same property in Southern Michigan since about 1976. The biggest buck we killed on the property before 2001 was in the 110-in. class. The only change we made was to start feeding Lucky Buck minerals in the spring of 1999," says Bulliner, whose world record-tying buck received a Boone & Crockett score of 180 3/8.

In the last two years, 3 state records for antler size in Michigan have been broken, all on Lucky Buck Mineral.

Wheeler has had a lot of interest from farmers who lease land to hunters. "It can be worth a lot to hunters if you can consistently deliver deer with larger racks," he notes.

Lucky Buck minerals come in 20 lb. buckets. You simply dump the mineral on a fallen log or just on the ground. Deer love the apple flavored mineral which contains trace minerals like selenium, zinc, and copper, all of which can be hard to find naturally in many areas.

It costs less than \$100 a year to treat an average size hunting acreage, says Wheeler, who sells Lucky Buck for about \$22-\$25 a bucket depending on quantity, including S&H. Comes with a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee.

Wheeler also offers a new seed blend for deer food plots that he thinks will be just as unique and helpful in creating record-breaking bucks. Called Perfect Perennial, the product comes in a 4 lb. bag and plants 1/2 acre and retails for \$39.95 with free



Vic Bulliner credits Lucky Buck minerals for the size of the horns on this world record 8-pt. buck taken on his property.

shipping. It provides just what bucks need when antlers are growing.

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Reader Inquiry No.141

Blue Jeans Like Granddad Used To Wear Handmade One Pair At A Time

Jeans makers Doug and Elaine Haga of Monmouth, Ore., know a thing or two about good, old-fashioned quality.

The Hagas take orders from all over the world for their durable, handmade jeans that they call "the toughest work jeans in America." Customers must agree, because demand for their product has been growing since they first started the business, "Pedee Jeans," in 1983.

Named for their small community, Pedee Jeans are designed to last twice as long as regular commercial jeans, thanks to their lock stitch construction and reinforced stress areas.

"Many of our customers are in the logging industry, so they're made to stand up to the toughest working conditions in the world," says Doug.

The Hagas say the tough jeans take longer to make, slowing down production. However, the couple long ago opted for quality instead of quantity, and that decision has kept their product in high demand.

They produce only a couple thousand items of clothing per year from their rural home shop. Doug cuts the 14 3/4-oz. American-made denim while Elaine does the majority of the sewing.

"We have four main jean styles - a full cut, heavy duty work jean, a double-thick front jean, a street jean, and a safety jean with a receiver cup for your Kevlar ballistic pad in



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the front panel. Another popular item is their handmade western-style denim jacket.

Prices for the "toughest work jeans in America" are: (1) Full cut, heavy-duty work jeans - \$39.95 U.S.; (2) Double thick front - \$45.95; (3) Safety jeans - \$46.95; (4) Regular basic blue 5 pocket jean - \$38.95. Shipping is extra. Now accepting credit cards.

A sales brochure is available upon request.

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Triple-Wheel Combine

A North Dakota farmer was faced with some of the muddiest conditions he'd ever seen when he went to harvest his 2008 corn crop. In some places there was a foot of standing water in the fields.

He already had dual 20.8 by 42 wheels on his 2008 AGCO Gleaner R75 combine but he needed even more flotation. So he added one more wheel to each side.

"The triples let him get the crop off while doing a minimum of damage to fields," says Les Cabler, OK Tire Stores, Carrington, N. Dak. He had a local fabrication shop make the 39 1/2-in. long hub extensions used to add the extra wheels.

"He was able to go right through the standing water with no problem," says Cabler. "We charged \$3,800 for the extra extension hubs, tires and wheels. The only limitation is that it extends the combine's drive system a long ways, so you have to be careful when turning," says Cabler.