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## Fast New Way To Cover Bunker Silos

An innovative silage bunker closure system from Holland lets you fill a bunker in stages, resealing in between. When it comes time to feed, take out what you need, resealing the face each time.

"It's ideal for multi-crop fills and superior fermentation," says Martin Folkema, North American distributor for Sysilco. "It takes less labor and does a better job sealing than

conventional tarps weighted with tires, sand bags or other weights."

The Sysilco system consists of a self-winding reel that rolls the length of the bunker, picking up the removable cover as it goes. The drive itself can be powered by electric motors, diesel or gas motors or a tractor.

The heavy-duty plastic cover has propylene glycol lines fused to its top surface. As the

cover is rolled onto the reel, the fluid is forced out of the lines and into a storage bladder. When the cover is rolled out, the fluid refills the lines.

"The fluid weighs down the cover, limiting oxygen, while the cover protects the silage from rodents, birds and other pests," says Folkema. "Limited oxygen and enhanced fermentation means less waste and more and

better feed for the cattle."

The cover comes with a 5-year guarantee. Costs run about \$5/sq. ft., drive not included.

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## Repeating Gates Trap Multiple Wild Hogs

Why trap one wild hog at a time when you can get them in groups? Repeating gates from Forestry Suppliers can be used on either pens or portable cages. Just bait and wait.

"The Hog Slammer is the first hog control product we offered and it's still the most popular," says Clay Walker, Forestry Suppliers. "The Steel Cage Hog Trap has just been introduced. My father built one similar to it, and he caught 6 hogs in it at one time."

The Hog Slammer (\$299) is designed to slide over a T-post with a pen built around it using livestock panels. A trigger rod holds the bat-wing gates open until a hog enters and knocks over a bucket of bait.

Once the doors slam shut, the hog can't exit. Springs on the outer side hold the square steel tube grill shut. However, other hogs can push through them to enter and be

trapped as well.

Forestry Supplies has introduced a variation to the Hog Slammer with angled gates. The Rooter-style hog gate sets into the pen. Like the Hog Slammer, additional hogs can enter after the gates have been tripped.

"Customers like the Hog Slammer because they can make the pen as large as they like," says Walker. "Shipping costs are also less than for the Cage."

The main advantage to the Steel Cage Hog Trap (\$400) is its portability. It can be loaded, transported and set up by a single person. Constructed of 1 1/2-in. angle iron and galvanized panels, the trap is available with either a closed or open top. Dimensions are 4 ft. wide, 3 ft. high and 8 ft. long. It features a single spring-loaded gate with a back-of-trap trigger system. Like the Hog Slammer, the



Steel cage hog trap is designed to slide over a T-post with a pen built around it. Additional hogs can enter after the gate has been tripped.

Steel Cage also allows more hogs to enter after the door has been tripped. A solid panel across the bottom two thirds serves as a push plate for hogs trying to enter.

"Captured hogs act as live decoys and attract even more hogs to the pen," says Walker. "Getting the first hog in is the key. We suggest baiting the pen or the cage with

the gates fixed open for a week or so to get the hogs accustomed to entering before setting the tripping mechanism."

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## Corn Head "Smiles" At Dips In Field

Kevin Markt can make your 12-row corn head frown as it goes over ridges and smile in the dips. His Split-Flex modified corn head will make you smile either way. That's especially true if you've been stuck with an 8-row head on a 12-row capacity combine because of uneven fields. Markt made his first Split-Flex out of necessity. Now he makes them to sell.

"In 2008 my neighbor asked me to combine his corn planted with a 12-row planter," recalls Markt. "I bought a used head for my combine and discovered I had to do a lot of partial runs to harvest his terraces, picking up 8 rows here and four there with the rigid head."

After harvest, Markt took his corn head to the shop. He cut it in two and anchored the two sides to a center pivot point. This allowed them to flex 18 in. up and 15 in. down from level. The challenge was to fabricate a mount that kept row spacing at 30 in. regardless of the amount of flex.

With the addition of a control panel and ground sensors from Headsight, Inc., Markt was ready for the field in 2009. The ground sensors adjusted each wing of the header as needed, whether in a dip or straddling a ridge.

"My neighbors sat back and watched as I built it, telling me it wouldn't work," he said. "After they rode along in the combine, they wanted me to build one for them. I built 10

of them over that next winter."

Markt quickly sold the first unit and made changes in the next round that let him gain even more flexibility. This time he modified a new 12-row, 30-in. header.

In its current version, the Split-Flex modified header ends can flex up or down 23 1/4 in. from level for a total of 32 degrees movement.

"It takes a lot of cutting, welding and fitting pieces together, but I and a helper can modify a corn head in about a week," says Markt. "When we are done, it's ready to go to the field."

Most of Markt's customers are in his general area, as they either need to bring their corn head for him to work on or order one from the local Deere dealer. So far, he has only worked on Deere 612C or 1293 12-row/30-in. heads.

The completed unit includes five auto-height sensors, an InSight header control box and the Split-Flex kit. The kit includes hydraulic cylinders, mounts, wear plate, pivot pin, telescoping drive shafts and heavy-duty U-joints.

Markt asks for 20 percent down when starting a job with the rest due at pick up. Currently a modification runs \$22,500.

Markt has no plans at this time to sell stand-alone kits or manuals for DIY installation. "Guys have asked, but we aren't there yet," he



Split-Flex modified corn head pivots in middle. It can flex up or down 23 in. from level for a total of 32 degrees movement.



Header's 2 sides are anchored to a center pivot point allowing header to flex 18 in. up (left) and 15 in. down (right) from level.



says. "You have to know exactly where to cut. If you don't, it can be an expensive mistake." Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, In-

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