Feed won’t bunch up at the end of the alley with this rotary, ground-driven feed pusher. It keeps feed moving smoothly and evenly back into animals’ feeding area.

Posthole “Ovens” Make Winter Digging Easier

By Heather Smith Thomas

A quick and safe way to dig postholes in frozen ground is to use a barrel “oven” to contain the fire over each post hole spot. This winter, my husband and son had to rebuild some pens near our calving barn and they needed to dig several holes quickly without using a shovel.

They made “ovens” out of old metal barrels. A small fire is started under the barrel and built up over the entrance to the hole. The barrel was placed on the hole entrance and used as a “oven.”

The embers were removed after the fire died down and the barrel was moved to the next hole. This method was easy and fast compared to using a shovel. The embers were also used for the next fire.

Nifty Way To Make A Dump Trailer

An 18-in. wide “chute” extends 1 ft. below bottom of bucket and into gutter. As operator drives forward, manure slides into the chute over into bucket.

Skid Loader-Mounted “Gutter Cleaner” Bucket

Robert Adelmeyer, Adelmeyer Welding, Lomira, Wis., recently sent photos of a skid loader-mounted “gutter cleaner” bucket he built for a local customer to clean the gutters in his dairy barn.

“armer asked me to build something that he could use with his skid loader to do the job,” says Adelmeyer.

The 5-ft. wide bucket is made from 1/4-in. thick steel and is designed with an 18-in. wide “chute” on one side that extends 1 ft. down below the bottom of the bucket.

Eventually the manure spills sideways through an opening into main part of bucket and can then be dumped.