

Reader Recipes

Spoonbread

2 cups milk, scalded
1 cup cornmeal
1 tbsp sugar
4 beaten eggs
2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp salt
2 tbsp melted shortening

Scald milk and pour immediately over cornmeal. Cool and add sugar and eggs. Stir in baking powder, salt, and shortening. Beat well. Bake in greased pan at 350°F for about 45 min. This is like an eggy cornbread; it's not at all grainy like cornbread. It's moist and smooth. Serve hot with butter.

Apple Sauce Cake In A Jar

2/3 cup shortening
4 eggs
2/3 cup water
1/2 tsp baking powder
1 1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp ground cloves
2 2/3 cups sugar
2 cups apple sauce
3 1/3 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
2/3 cup nuts (optional)

Cream together shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs, applesauce, and water. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt and spices and add to mixture. Stir in nuts, if used. Pour into well-greased pint jars. Fill 1/2 full. Bake at 325° for 45 min. Put canning lid and ring on and screw tight. Jars seal as they cool. Store in cupboard. Makes 12 to 14 pint jars. Note: Adjust spices to taste.
Barbara Jenkins, Venus, Texas

Heath Bar Cookies

1 cup butter
1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 beaten egg
3 cups flour
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp vanilla
3 to 4 Heath bars, chopped

Cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla. Mix in flour, soda, and salt. Fold in chopped Heath bars. Chill a few hours. Roll for refrigerated cookies and slice 1/4 in. thick. Bake at 350° for 9 min.
Carol Metcalf, Bozeman, Mont.

Camp Stove Boils Water And Charges Phone

You can boil a quart of water in about 2 min. with the innovative, wood burning, BioLite CampStove. Fed with twigs, chips, pellets or other materials, the CampStove also makes electricity to charge a built-in battery. The battery can then be used to power a fan to super-charge the fire, making it burn hotter and cleaner. Or it can be used to charge cell phones, LED lights and other devices.



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A "Direct Conduction Thermoelectric Technology" power pack attaches to the side of the stove. It produces up to 5.5 kW when its metal layers differ in temperature. Electrons move from the warmer layer to the cooler layer and back, producing electricity that's stored in a lithium ion battery.

The stove is only 8 1/2 in. high and 5 in. wide.

The 2-lb., 1-oz. BioLite CampStove is available for \$129 direct from the company website.

The company is also developing a home-sized version called the BioLite HomeStove. It's initially targeted at India, sub Saharan Africa and other regions where open fire cooking is common. Rosen says it has gained a lot of attention and interest in North American markets, but will not be introduced here, at least in the short term. Target populations are also often off-grid yet rely on cell phones. Like the CampStove, the HomeStove has an accompanying power pack.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, BioLite, Inc., P.O. Box 21905, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 (www.biolitestove.com).

Keep Birds Off Your Mailbox

You can keep birds off your mailbox by applying this new adhesive-backed, clear plastic row of bird spikes. Fits any standard round-topped mailbox. Just stick it on.

The company says you can use two bird spikes on a flat-topped or large-sized mailbox. The unit can also be used on downspouts as well.

Sells for \$13.50 plus \$1.50 S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Mt. Pelia Innovative Solutions, LLC (www.scarecrow-bird-control.com).



Adhesive-backed, clear plastic spikes keep birds off mailbox.

Hands-Free Glass Door Opener

When your hands are full with plates of food, opening a sliding glass door can be tricky. This new "Doorhickey" suction cups onto the glass, so you can open or close the door with your shoulder, elbow, or hip.

The Doorhickey can be used either inside or outside the door. Sells for \$15 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, TV Enterprises, P.O. Box 6, Brookings, S. Dak. 57006 (ph 888 692-7457; www.doorhickey.com).



Hands-free "Doorhickey" suction cups onto sliding door glass.

Drawstring Re-Threading Tool

Ever tried to re-thread a drawstring through a hoodie or pair of sweatpants? If so, you'll appreciate this new tool.

The "Re-String It" is a universal drawstring re-threader that makes it easy to pull a drawstring back through any type of clothing. It consists of a long, flexible 18-gauge wire with a silver metal tube on one end, an orange metal tube on the other end, and a flexible mid-section. The silver tube is fitted with an adjustable adapter loop. You fasten the spring-loaded adapter loop onto one end of the drawstring, then grab the orange tube and guide it through the clothing. Once the drawstring is all the way through the clothing you simply detach it from the adapter.

"The adapter loop has rounded edges so it glides right through the clothing without fraying the drawstring or tearing anything. It works with either round or flat drawstrings," says inventor Chad Archibeck.

Sells for \$14.99 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Chad Archibeck, 933 6th St., No. D, Hermosa Beach, Calif. 90254 (ph 800 593-1817 or 310 379-0936; info@re-stringit.com; www.re-stringit.com).



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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Spreader Chain Roasts Hot Dogs Fast

Joe Bower's manure spreader chain, hot dog roaster just won't go away. Bower made the rig around 35 years ago, but when Michigan Farmer editor Jennifer Vincent saw it recently, she was intrigued.

"I was told it was built by Joe Bower, a farmer in the Fowler area, but I was unsuccessful in my attempts to locate him," she wrote in a July editorial.

It's easy to see why she was intrigued. Bower took the sprockets and chain from one side of an old spreader and attached the sprockets to each end of a length of steel tubing. He welded short steel rods to the chain to hold up to 40 hot dogs. An electric motor is coupled to one of the sprockets. Set up over an open fire, the hot dogs rotate, exposing first one side and then the other.

Vincent soon heard from readers who knew Mr. Bower. She found her way to his place near Pewamo, Mich. Now nearly 80, he still runs a 200-cow dairy herd and farms more than 300 acres. He also keeps busy in his shop, which is where Vincent found him.

He told her he made the hot dog roaster because it, "took too long standing next to the fire to roast those dogs".

When FARM SHOW contacted Vincent about the story, she was kind enough to share her quotes and the picture she took of Bower's roaster.



Photo courtesy Jennifer Vincent

Hot dogs rotate over fire on electric motor-powered spreader chain.

Swedish Picker Makes Berry Harvest Easy

By Dee Goerge, Contributing Editor

I live in northern Minnesota and there are lots of wild berries to pick each year. So I was excited to get a Jonas Swedish Berry Picker to test.

Designed and made in Sweden to harvest lingonberries, currants and other small fruits, I decided to test it on a chokecherry tree. Though it pulled in a few leaves, the unit's metal wire combs worked great to rake through the branches and deposit fruit in the picker. The handle felt right too, and the container easily holds 4 cups of fruit without spilling.

After I played with it for a while I offered it to a 5-year-old friend. I was impressed with how quickly she caught on — and how long it held her attention. It didn't take her long to fill it half full.

Just the fact that you might get help picking fruit is worth the \$18.95 plus shipping. Available through Jung Seed Company (ph 800 297-3123; www.jungseed.com) and other online stores.

We also tried it out on a wild blackberry patch. It worked and helped avoid getting stuck by thorns.

The plastic and metal picker is well-built and should last for many seasons to come.



Fruit picker's metal wire combs rake through vegetation.