

**Editor's
Notebook**



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New At The Farm Progress Show

As this issue of FARM SHOW went to press, contributing editor Lorn Manthey returned home from the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, Ill. He reports that the show is "still the place to go to see how the big boys farm". Here are a few new products that caught his eye:

Manure "Boat" Agitates Big Lagoons

You've never seen anything like this giant amphibious pump that drives into big lagoons on 4 tractor wheels and then floats like a boat. Big agitators mix up even the toughest crusts. Once the lagoon is empty, the unit drives itself out. Controlled by a hand-held remote. Nuhn Industries had tremendous interest at the show. Units sell for \$135,000. (ph 877 837-7323; www.nuhn.ca)



World's Biggest Cornhead



Cornhead genius Marion Calmer showed off his biggest header yet - a 30-row, 12-in. behemoth mounted on a Deere combine. Calmer says it will harvest nearly 1,000 bu. in 6 min., which should win it a spot in the Guinness Book of World Records. Harry Stine of Stine Seeds plans to plant

at 50,000 seeds per acre, with equidistant 12-in. spacing (using a custom-built planter), shooting for a 300 bu. per acre yield. Header has ultra narrow poly dividers and two Calmer chopping rolls per row - but only a single gathering chain. (ph 309 629-9000; www.calmercornheads.com)

World's Biggest Spray Boom

At 150 ft., this is the biggest commercial spray boom ever built. The Boyd Ag retractable boom is made from the same aircraft aluminum used to put up radio towers. (ph 800 637-7884; www.superspraybooms.com)



Internal Scraper For Rolling Baskets



Summers Manufacturing says its patent pending internal scraper for rolling baskets solves a problem that's

plagued farmers for decades. It automatically keeps soil from clogging up the insides of baskets by scraping off any buildup on the inside as they move through the field. (ph 701 662-5391; www.summersmfg.com)

Strip-Till Machine Also Rolls Cover Crops

Invented by Pennsylvania farmer Charles Martin, the new Dawn Mfg. tillage tool knocks down and crimp-kills cover crop while simultaneously strip-tilling a slot for planting. (ph 800 554-0007; www.dawnequipment.com)



First-Of-Its-Kind Serrated Coulter



Patent-pending new serrated coulter from Prescription Tillage Technology is designed for spring or fall tillage. Its teeth granulate soil and can be used on turbo tillage machines or coulter chisels. Made from ultra-hard 50 to 52 Rockwell metal. (ph 712 520-0053)



To keep straw bales dry, British farmer Malcolm Metcalfe wraps them with 4 layers of plastic and then pokes holes in the ends so they can breathe.

Plastic-Wrapped Straw Bales

"I've never seen anything like it," says frequent FARM SHOW contributor Andrew Sewell in England talking about the sight of a harvested wheat field full of several hundred plastic-wrapped straw bales. North Yorkshire farmer Malcolm Metcalfe tried the experiment this summer to see if he could keep straw in better condition. The value of straw has gone up considerably in the area, both for bedding and winter feed. Last year 5-ft. round bales sold for \$15 to \$19 a bale, in part because of the long wet winter.

Metcalfe, who doesn't have enough inside storage for all his straw, decided to try wrapping the bales. He wanted to wrap each bale with just two layers of plastic but his bale wrapper would only let him do a minimum of four layers (he wraps silage bales 8 times). Bales are stabbed in the ends with a bale spear to allow them to breathe.

A Great Use Of The Internet

If you get tired of eating in restaurants when traveling for fun or work-related reasons, check out this new website that helps you find a home-cooked meal wherever you are.

EatWith.com matches travelers with local residents. Co-founder Guy Michlin got the idea during a trip to Crete, where a friend arranged for his group to have dinner with a local family. "It was an amazing experience for us, not just the food but also connecting with people who lived in the area we were visiting," says Michlin. When he got home, he and a business partner started working on the new business.

Host families on EatWith have to go through a vetting process as far as their food offerings, interpersonal skills, and the cleanliness of their homes. On the website (www.eatwith.com) hosts are rated by visitors. In the future, visitors may also be rated.

There are other person-to-person websites cropping up that connect travelers with locals: www.vayable.com matches tourists with local residents who act as tour guides. Another site, www.airbnb.com, is a network of people who rent out rooms in their homes to travelers, everything from a night on a couch in the living room (very cheap) to a week-long takeover of a regular family's house.

Liberty Quotes

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves." *John Locke*

"When you want to help people, you tell them the truth. When you want to help yourself, you tell them what they want to hear." *Thomas Sowell*

"Freedom is an intellectual achievement which requires disavowal of collectivism and embrace of individualism." *Onkar Ghate*

"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value." *Albert Einstein*

"When you choose the lesser of two evils, always remember that it is still an evil." *Max Lerner*

"Freedom of speech means that you shall not do something to people either for the views they express, or the words they speak or write." *Hugo L. Black*

"The ruling class has the schools and press under its thumb. This enables it to sway the emotions of the masses." *Albert Einstein*

"It is better to risk saving a guilty man than to condemn an innocent one." *Voltaire*

"What is objectionable, what is dangerous about extremists is not that they are extreme, but that they are intolerant. The evil is not what they say about their cause, but what they say about their opponents." *Robert F. Kennedy*

Life Before The Computer

- Memory was something you lost with age
- An application was for employment
- A program was a TV show
- A cursor used profanity
- A keyboard was a piano
- A web was a spider's home
- A virus was the flu
- A CD was in a bank account
- A hard drive was a long road trip
- A mouse pad was where a mouse lived

So let me get this straight . . . women wear fake hair, nails, lashes, contacts, have plastic surgery, and cover their faces with makeup . . . but what they're looking for is a "Real Man"?

Europe Passes Tractor Vibration Rules

The European Union recently enacted "whole body vibration" rules designed to protect workers from health risks due to vibration on tractors and other farm equipment. Critics of the new rules passed by the EU say they could limit the time farmers spend in their tractors to less than 1 hr. a day.

A spokesman for the EU says, "Whole-body vibration can have debilitating and often life-changing health implications, particularly through back pain." However, George Lyon, a Scottish member of the European Parliament said, "If these rules are implemented and enforced without flexibility, we could end up with a situation where some people will not be able to plow their fields. This would be an utterly ludicrous state of affairs." A regulator responded, "It's mostly equipment built before 2007 that will not meet vibration guidelines. By rotating jobs and buying new equipment, farmers will be able to meet the whole-body guidelines."

Subscription Scams

A fake subscription company has been sending subscription notices to FARM SHOW subscribers. Some of the notices they



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are going out of business. This subscription company is not connected to FARM SHOW. In fact, if you receive a subscription notice of any kind from anyone other than FARM SHOW in Lakeville, Minn., just toss it.

Ole and Sven had been best friends for years, and they both lived to their early 90's when Ole suddenly fell deathly ill.

Sven came to visit him on his deathbed and they were reminiscing about their long friendship, when Sven asked, "Listen, ven yew die, do me a favor. I vant tew know if dare's baseball in heaven."

Ole said, "We've been friends for years, I'll do dat for yew." And then Ole dies.

A couple days later, Sven is sleeping when he hears Ole's voice. The voice says, "Sven, I haf some good news and some bad news. Da good news is dat dare is baseball in heaven."

"What is da bad news, Ole?" Sven asks.

"Yew are pitching on Tuesday."

Ole was hired to paint the yellow stripe down the highway. His first day he painted 5 miles. The second day he only painted 2 miles. His boss, thinking that he was getting slower because he worked too hard on the first day, decided to give him a day off to rest.

But when Ole came back to work the next day, he only painted half a mile. So his boss asked, "Excuse me, but why have you been painting less and less each day, even after I gave you a day off?"

"Dat's simple," Ole answered. "Effry day I get furdur away from da paint can!"

Ole is sitting at home alone when he hears a knock on the front door. There are two sheriff's deputies there. Ole asks if there's a problem.

One of the deputies asks if he's married and, if so, can he see a picture of his wife. Ole shows him a picture of his wife, Lena.

The sheriff says, "I'm sorry, sir, but it looks like your wife's been hit by a truck."

Ole says, "Ya, I know, but she is a good voman, has a great personality, and is an excellent cook."