

## Reader Recipes

### Cow Pies

2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 tbsp milk  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup chopped, slivered almonds

Melt chocolate chips in milk over low heat, stirring. Remove from heat and stir in raisins and almonds. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper. Chill to harden in refrigerator. Makes 24.

### Crunchy Onion Bacon Potatoes

6 cups prepared mashed potatoes  
12 slices bacon, cooked, crumbled  
2 cups Cheddar cheese, shredded  
2 cups French fried onions

Layer half of potatoes in an 8-in. square baking dish. Sprinkle with half the bacon, 1 cup of cheese and 1 cup French fried onions. Top with remaining potatoes. Bake at 350° for 20 min. or until hot. Top with remaining bacon, cheese and onions. Bake 3 more minutes or until cheese is melted.

### Cornbread Salad

1 package cornbread mix to make a 9 x13 pan  
1/2 cup celery, chopped  
1 green pepper, chopped  
2 red tomatoes, chopped  
1 bunch green onions, chopped  
3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped  
3/4 cup mayonnaise

Cook package of cornbread mix as per directions, using water instead of milk. Bake and let cool. Crumble the cornbread and mix with chopped vegetables, eggs and mayonnaise. Refrigerate till ready to serve. Use within a few hours. Serves 8 to 10.

### Pumpkin Butter

3 lbs. raw pumpkin  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 tsp Marsala wine  
1/2 cup water

Over medium heat on the stove combine all ingredients and bring to a simmer. Place everything in a mixer and whip until smooth. Yields 2 quarts.

## Christmas Tree Waterer

"My Christmas tree waterer takes the work out of watering Christmas trees. I always know when it needs water and I can add to it without having to bend over," says Rick Easter, Osceola, Iowa.

The 32-in. long plastic waterer consists of a 1-in. dia. plastic pipe with an elongated funnel at the top and a float mechanism at the bottom filled with Styrofoam balls. The waterer slips down between the branches of the Christmas tree so it's easy to reach.

The bottom of the pipe has a small hole in it. The floating balls push up on a long wooden rod that comes up through the pipe and into the center of the funnel. Easter placed a piece of white tape at the top of the funnel and marked it where the top of the rod should be when the tree stand is full of water.

"As the water level goes down, the rod also goes down so I know I need to add more water," he says. "I keep adding water until the top of the rod is level with the mark on the tape."

Easter says he's looking for a manufacturer. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Rick Easter, 3078 Fox St., Osceola, Iowa 50213 (ph 641 342-7303; easterjanet@aol.com).



A wood rod runs from the funnel down to a float mechanism at the bottom. The rod drops with the water level.



## Frost-Free Sewer Vent

"My new frost-free sewer vent is maintenance free and easy to install. It keeps your sewer vent from freezing over in cold weather, which can cause sewer gas to enter your house," says Dave Woodring, Clark, S. Dak.

The frost-free sewer vent is designed to replace your existing sewer vent. It's made of schedule 40 polyvinyl chloride and consists of 2 pieces of pipe with an air gap between them. It's made to be installed on 1 1/2, 2, and 3-in. dia. vents with the purchase of a bushing (not supplied) that you glue into the vent's collar. Larger diameter sewer vents require installation by a licensed plumbing contractor.

"It's a permanent solution that will hold up to any weather conditions," says Woodring. "The pvc pipe is really built strong and won't get damaged even in high winds and hail."

"The space between the 2 pipes serves as a thermos chamber and prevents sewer gas from coming in direct contact with the outside temperature. When the outer pipe's black coating absorbs heat from the sun it heats the air between the pipes and helps melt the frost on the vent. As an example, if the outside air temperature is -20F°, the temperature in the thermos chamber will be about 40 degrees and the temperature inside the pipe will be about 48 degrees."

The frost-free sewer vent sells for \$49.95 plus S&H.

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## Date-Reminder Lid Helps Keep Food Fresh

This new storage container comes with a date-reminder built into the lid so you won't end up with leftovers too old to use.

The Fresh Fun storage container lets you record the storage date on a food-grade silicone lid, which has a series of rubber bumps with spaces between them. When you press your finger onto the bumps a series of dots and dashes appear in the spaces, forming digital numbers that show the month and day. The date can be a reminder of when you first stored the food, or the date it expires.

Concave or convex settings are possible. That is, you can push down on the lid to make the numbers appear slightly darker, or push up from underneath the lid so the numbers are a little lighter.

The oblong-shaped container measures 6 1/4 in. wide by 4 in. deep and is available in 4 different heights - 2 1/2, 4 1/2, 6 3/4, and 9 in. The containers are both dishwasher safe and spillproof and are offered with lids in 12 different colors. Custom color combinations are also available.

Suggested retail price ranges from \$6.99 to \$9.99, depending on container height. The containers are available in stores.

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

### Battery-Powered Fire Starter

This new battery-powered butane torch uses a 4-in., air-driven flame to ignite a grill or campfire in seconds, without using smelly lighter fluid.

The Bison Airlighter measures 21 in. long by 3 1/2 in. high by 3 in. wide and weighs just over 1 lb. It comes with a built-in fuel canister and a 5 1/2-in. long metal barrel that emits a 4-in. jet of flame that reaches 2,600 degrees F°.

To ignite the fuel, you push a release button with one hand while pushing a second button forward with the other. The flame goes out when you release the trigger. Once you've lit the kindling

or charcoal, sliding the igniter button in the other direction activates a fan that blows air over the fire, stoking it to high heat. The barrel remains cool to the touch during use, and child safety locks prevent accidental ignition.

The Airlighter comes with a built-in LED flashlight at the bottom and a bottle opener. The handle can be pivoted down to form a pistol grip that redistributes the unit's weight. The unit has a USB-type A socket for recharging from your home, car or even your computer.

The fuel tank holds 2 oz. of butane which is enough for 15 min. of burn time. At an average ignition time of 20 seconds, that's enough for 45 uses.

The Airlighter sells on Amazon.com for \$49.95 including S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, (www.thebisoncompany.com).



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Container's silicone lid has a series of rubber bumps with spaces between them. When you press your finger onto the bumps a series of dots and dashes appear in the spaces, forming digital numbers that show the month and day.