

Reader Recipes

Spaghetti Corn

1 cup broken spaghetti
1 can cream-style corn
1 can whole kernel corn, including juice
1 cup Velveeta cheese, cubed
1/4 cup milk
1 tbsp onion, minced
1 can onion rings (save half the can for topping)

Mix all ingredients in order given (including 1/2 can onion rings) and place in a 2-qt. dish coated with cooking spray. Use other 1/2 can of onion rings on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 min.

Diane Swanson, Moorhead, Minn.

Snack Crackers

Two 10-oz. bags oyster crackers
1 pkg. Hidden Valley ranch dressing, dry
3/4 tsp garlic powder
3/4 teaspoon dill weed
1 cup vegetable oil

Mix dry ingredients together in paper bag, then add vegetable oil. Shake well, then add crackers and shake well again. Store in airtight container.

Rita Christianson, Glenburn, N.Dak.

Sour Cream

3 cups fresh cream
3 tbsp cultured buttermilk

To make a very smooth, mild-flavored sour cream, you will need to use pasteurized cream. Pasteurize cream by heating it to 185 degrees, stirring often. Cool to room temperature, around 80 degrees, by setting in a bowl of ice water. Stir occasionally until cool. Pour cream into sterile jar. Add buttermilk. Whisk well to dissolve lumps. Screw on lid and shake well. Let stand at room temperature for 24 hrs.

Easy Crockpot Potatoes

1 can cream of mushroom soup
Dash of garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
16-oz. jar Cheese Whiz
2-lb. bag southern-style hash brown potatoes (frozen)
1/2 cup butter

Mix all ingredients in crock pot. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hrs. or on high for 3 to 4 hrs. Stir during cooking time.



Sole Scrapers can fit into a receiver hitch or be stuck into the ground.

Hitch-Mounted Boot Scraper

You'll like this new boot scraper that fits into a receiver hitch so you can easily clean your boots before you get into your pickup.

Made of powder-coated steel, the "Sole Scraper" fits the 2 or 1 1/4-in. receiver tube on most hitches. It has a metal blade on one half and a rubber brush on the other half with 57 bristles that dig into the tread of your boots.

The unit is designed so you can still hook up your trailer without removing it.

Sells for \$39.99 plus S&H.

The company also makes a sport model that sticks into the ground.

"Many people place it in the grass outside their house, or at the base of a tree stand to clean their boots before they climb to prevent slipping," says the company.

The outdoor and sport models sell for \$59.99 plus S&H.

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Rubber Boots Resistant To Acids

These new Italian-made boots are produced with manure-resistant Nitrile rubber so they won't become brittle and crack.

Calzuro Bab and Half Wellington boots are made from Nitrile rubber with a white polyester knit lining. The Nitrile rubber is resistant not only to manure but also to materials such as fuel oil, vegetable oils, and Casein-proteins found in cow's milk.

"The boots aren't insulated, but wearing boot warmers or thicker socks will help during the winter," says marketing director Katie Dumond. "Comfort insoles that are shock absorbent and wick away perspiration are available to provide added comfort."

The boots sell for \$40 including S&H. Comfort insoles sell for \$10. The boots are manufactured in Italy and distributed in the U.S. on Calzuro.com.

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Tables Made From Old Radiators

Shawn Carling had no idea that the special lamp he made for his father a few years back from old tractor parts and pipe would grow into a thriving business (Vol. 38, No. 3). Flip the calendar ahead almost 4 years and Carling's Lakeville, Minn. company, Machine Age Lamps, now has an international reputation for hand-made products, every one of them custom-built and truly unique.

"Since we started we've made well over 1,000 lamps, tables and other items," says Carling. "We've moved to a new shop and that's quickly filling to capacity with rusty treasures waiting to be made into lamps, tables, sconces and anything else we can dream up."

Recently Carling and his crew tapped into a new concept when they began building rugged tables that use old tractor radiators and thick pieces of reclaimed lumber on the top. The metal and wood is preserved and finished so a company brand name or logo can appear in a rich natural tone. Carling says he acquires most of his tractor and machine parts from a fellow who repairs and refurbishes old equipment, but often has many leftover parts. Carling also is on the lookout for parts when he and his family are on vacation, running errands or even when they're at shows.

Products from Machine Age Lamps have made their way into homes and businesses across the U.S. and around the world.

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Rugged table features old tractor radiator with reclaimed lumber on top.

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New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

Feeder Designed To Survive Hungry Bears?

This is the toughest looking bird feeder we've seen at FARM SHOW, and we look forward to finding out if it is as bear-proof as it looks. The feeder is braced with angle iron and heavy-duty hardware. It was built by his son, son-in-law and grandsons.

"I totally love it," Conley says about his Father's Day gift. Over the years he's had many feeders destroyed by bears on the family's Pennsylvania cabin property.

He's hopeful the feeder, which they've dubbed "Alcatraz", has better success.

The design was a team effort, says his son, Jake Conley, and was completed over a few sessions. "We used all-thread rods for strength to tie it all together - and to look cool," he says.

Angle iron secures the bottom to the sides and protects the front and back. "The weakness of the bird feeder is the top. So one side of the roof is screwed down, and we put hasps to lock the other side down," Conley explains.

With a chain running through eyebolts, the feeder was hung this fall on a 6 by 6 beam used for a swing during the summer. In the past, bears destroyed feeders during the fall in their search for food before hibernation.

The Conleys say they will let us know if their "totally overkill" feeder holds up against the brute strength of hungry bears.

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Bear-proof feeder is braced with angle iron and heavy-duty hardware.



Waterproof pump delivers water from bucket to hand-held shower head.

Portable Bucket Shower

Whether you want to shower while camping or wash your dog in the backyard, the Pure Clean personal shower can do it all. The rechargeable battery-operated unit runs for 50 min. on a 2 1/2-hr. charge.

A waterproof pump sets in a 5-gal. bucket of warm water. Turn the unit on, and water flows through a hose to a hand-held shower head.

It is handy for use outdoors, in the shop or at the cabin.

The Pure Clean shower is available for around \$40 at Amazon.com.