

## Reader Recipes

### Pickled Black-Eyed Peas

15-oz. can black-eyed peas, drained  
1 cup salad oil  
1/4 cup wine vinegar  
1 clove garlic  
1 cup sliced onion  
1 tsp salt  
1/2 tsp pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 days before eating, stirring once per day. Good for up to 2 weeks.

### Chocolate-Covered Prunes

1 lb. dried pitted prunes (about 48)  
48 whole almonds or walnut halves  
12 oz. chocolate chips (2 cups)  
2 tbsp creamy peanut butter

Stuff each prune with an almond or walnut half. Melt chocolate in microwave or double boiler. Add peanut butter, mix well. Dip prunes and place on waxed paper to harden. Store in refrigerator.

*Patricia Schwan, Michigan, N.Dak.*

### Cream Cheese Fudge

8 oz. pkg. cream cheese  
4 cups powdered sugar  
1 1/2 tsp vanilla  
12-oz. pkg. white chocolate  
3/4 cup pecans

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Melt white chocolate in an oven at 275 degrees. Fold into the cream cheese mixture and stir in pecans. Spread mixture into a greased 8-in. pan. Chill until ready to serve. This fudge freezes well.

*Julie Hofmann, Medina, N.Dak.*

### Lemon Cookies

2 lemon cake mixes  
4 eggs, beaten  
2/3 cup oil  
1/2 cup flour  
8 oz. cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup water  
Powdered sugar

Stir all together, mixing by hand. Form balls and roll into powdered sugar. Press gently with fingers after it is rolled in the sugar. Bake at 350° for 10-12 min. or until done. Makes 3 1/2 dozen.

*Amanda Miller, West Plains, Mo.*

## “Push Button” Self Cleaning Toilet

This new self cleaning toilet bowl cleans and removes stains with just the press of a button.

The ActiClean toilet comes with a flip-up door on the tank top that contains a control panel for the cleaning system. The user flips the door up and presses a button on the control panel for the preferred cleaning cycle: a Quick Clean for regular upkeep that takes one min., or a Deep Clean that offers an extended, 10-min. cleaning cycle that cleans and removes stains.

The cleaning components, which include a replaceable cleaning solution cartridge and 4 AA batteries, are tucked away in compartments inside the toilet tank top.

Cleaning solution travels through a channel in the tank and is mixed with water. The cleaner is then released into the bowl, combined with a powerful jet force that causes the cleaner to completely scour the full circumference of the bowl from top to bottom while exuding a fresh scent.

The cleaner soaks in the bowl for the chosen amount of time. When the soaking time has ended, the system automatically siphons the cleaning agent and rinses the bowl with clear water.

According to the company, the cleaning solution cartridge will last up to 9 weeks, based on 2 weekly cleanings: one Quick Clean and one Deep Clean. The batteries will last for about one year with normal use.

The cleaning system runs independently from the normal toilet flushing operation, so the toilet will always flush even if the cleaning cartridge or batteries have run out. It takes only 1.28 gal. of water to scrub the entire bowl with each flush, compared to up to 7 gal. for some other toilets.

List price is \$695. Replacement cleaning cartridges sell for \$14.99.

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Self-cleaning toilet bowl is activated by pressing a button.



Barbeque grill cover traps hot air coming off top of stove and sends it through house's original ductwork.

## Simple Wood Stove Heat Exchanger

Rick Plunkett of Albany, Ky., recently sent FARM SHOW photos of a heat exchanger he built for his indoor wood stove that makes use of an old barbeque grill cover. The cover traps hot air coming off the top of the stove and uses a motor and fan unit to send the air out through the house's original ductwork.

“We started experimenting with this idea about 20 years ago and have used the current setup for more than 10 years. It works great and doesn't cost much to operate,” says Plunkett.

The stove is located on the one end of Plunkett's house. The problem was that the stove alone couldn't keep the other side of the house warm. So Plunkett's dad set the cover off an old Weber barbeque grill on top of the stove, notching out one side that fits against the stove's chimney. He cut a hole on top of the cover and bolted a small electric fan over it, then ran a 2-in. dia. flexible hose from the fan to a ductwork vent in the basement's floor. He also bolted a thermostat onto the cover next to the fan.

“The add-on fan helped circulate the heat evenly throughout the entire house,” says Plunkett.

He didn't spend much money on the project. “I bought the fan, motor and thermostat at a closeout sale for a total of about \$10,” notes Plunkett.

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## Heavy-Duty “Smoker Grill” Made From Propane Tanks

Joel Lawler of Bowie, Texas, used the rounded ends of a propane tank to fabricate this heavy-duty smoker grill. A second smaller tank serves as the firebox.

“I ducted the heat and smoke through two 6-in. pipes, which lead from the top of the firebox tank to just under the grate on the main smoker,” says Lawler.

“I also added an adjustable flu and several adjustable

ventilation ports that allow me to control the heat very accurately.

“The only drawback to this great smoker is that I have to use a tractor if I want to move it.”

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## New Products For The Farm, Ranch Home

## Safety Whistle Blows 120 Decibels

“Anyone who works alone on a farm should have a Safety Whistle in their pocket or clipped to their clothing,” says Robert Cameron, Whistles for Life, Bend, Oregon.

The company's “tri-power” whistle is made of durable ABS plastic and has 3 different chambers to produce different tones. The main chamber contains a waterproof “pea” and creates a loud, 120-decibel staccato sound that can be heard above the roar of wind and farm machinery. Two pea-less side chambers create separate high-pitched sounds, each with a different tone, that increase the odds the sound will be distinct.

The whistle has a hands-free mouth grip and sure-grip ridges on both sides for wet, cold or gloved hands.

“No other whistle is as loud or produces as many different tones,” says Cameron, who notes that it's the official whistle for the National Search and Rescue Organization, the American Red Cross Lifeguards, the United States Lifeguard Association, and the National Boat Safety Council. It's also used by many law enforcement agencies. “Most other whistles on the market put out a maximum of 84 to 96 decibels and are pealess. However, pealess whistles can't be heard in high winds or when there's rushing water. You need the staccato sound produced by a pea whistle so that people can hear you.”

Cameron says he came up with the idea because as the president of a search and rescue team in Montana for many years, he saw too many farm accidents where a whistle could have made the difference between life and death.

“For example, the 16-year-old daughter of a friend's neighbor was baling hay one day and when she didn't come home for supper they started looking,” says Cameron. “They found her under the baler next to the pto driveline. She had crawled under there while the baler was still running to remove some baling wire wrapped up in the driveline's U-joint. Her fingers got caught in the wire, and by the time they found her she had bled to death. Our whistle might have saved her.”

The whistle is available in 7 different colors. “We can custom brand the whistle and apply any company's logo onto it,” says Cameron, noting that they sell only to wholesalers. It's available at REI and on Amazon.com and sells for \$5 to \$10 plus S&H.

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Heat and smoke from firebox is ducted through two 6-in. pipes to main smoker.