

Editor's Notebook



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What We Found In Louisville, Tulare

Shortly before this issue went to press, our editors returned from the World Ag Expo in Tulare, Calif., and the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Ky. Several stories from those shows are sprinkled throughout this issue. Here are a few others that were getting a lot of attention.

Deutz Tractors Are Back - A leading tractor distributor from Australia is bringing Deutz tractors back to North America. Power Farming Group is headquartered in Atlanta and has a long track record of success "down under".
(www.deutz-fahramerica.com)



Kinze Gets Into Tillage - The company introduced its new Mach Till high-speed disk that they're calling a "horizontal tillage tool" combining the benefits of a conventional disk with "vertical tillage" and soil finishing.
(www.kinze.com)

30-Second Oil Change - Deere launched a new concept in engine maintenance (for garden tractors) with its 30-second oil change system. The oil filter serves both as the filter and the oil reservoir so all you do is change the larger-than-normal filter, and you're done. Available on select new models.
(www.deere.com)



Self-Propelled Baler - Many farmers got their first look at Vermeer's new SP round baler, which debuted last fall. Capable of zero-turn maneuverability, the high-speed rig is slated for extensive field testing this year. (www.vermeer.com)

Brush Crusher - What makes this Westendorf grapple unique is that no extra hydraulics are required to operate it. Simply fits in place of existing bucket and is activated by tilt cylinders to handle brush, logs, and bales. (www.loaders.com)



Agri-Terrorists Strike Cornfields

Canadian Thomas Wahler was combining corn last fall on his farm near Bourget, Ontario, when one of his tires was popped by a sharpened pipe that had been driven into the ground between rows, according to a report in *Ontario Farmer*. After patching the tire, Wahler headed back into the field and ran into pieces of steel tied to cornstalks that went through his combine.

After spending about \$1,000 to get the combine going again, he moved on to another more remote field less likely to have been "spiked" by anti-farming "agri-terrorists". Wahler knew that once harvest was over, he was going to have to spend a lot more than \$1,000 to fix his combine, not to mention the losses from not harvesting the steel-infested field.

Wahler ended up on television, along with another farmer whose field had been spiked with rebar. Several other area

farmers also reported sabotaged fields. One fellow lost a brand new log skidder that was set on fire. A sign was left nearby saying, "No More Land Clearing".

Apparently, the ultimate goal of the protestors is to stop the expansion of farms and to "save" trees. Police have so far been unable to arrest any of the perpetrators.



Before bees exit the hive, they first wade through a powdery compound that sticks to their feet. As they pollinate plants, the powder rubs off on the plants, providing pest and fungus protection.

Bees Used To Deliver Pest Control

Ever heard of "bee vectoring"? Researchers have apparently been working on the idea for 20 years. The idea is to use commercially-reared bees to deliver organic crop control compounds as they pollinate crops.

Specially-designed hives apply powdered organic compounds to bees as they exit the hive. While going about their business, the compounds for controlling pests and disease rub off on the plants.

The method has been tested on blueberries, strawberries, almond trees, and other high-value crops. It has also been successfully used on sunflower crops.

Bee Vectoring Technology is gearing up with financing to bring their process to market. Located in Mississauga, Ontario, you can find out more at <http://www.beevt.com/> or by calling ph 647 660-5119.

Liberty Quotes

"I would not be fooled by the old myth that reporting is about objectivity. Deciding what is news is the most subjective of acts and is probably the most important thing that we do." *Carl Bernstein*

"Truth: the most deadly weapon ever discovered by humanity. Outlawed by governments everywhere. Possession is normally punishable by death."
John Gilmore

"To be nobody but yourself - in a world which is doing its best night and day to make you like everybody else - means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight." *e.e.cummings*

"If money be not thy servant, it will be thy master. The covetous man cannot so properly be said to possess wealth, as may be said to possess him." *Sir Francis Bacon*

"The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history. Whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite." *Thomas Jefferson*

"Intellectual brilliance is no guarantee against being dead wrong." *Anonymous*

"The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd."
Bertrand Russell

"The preservation of freedom is the protective reason for limiting and decentralizing governmental power. But there is also a constructive reason. The great advances of civilization, whether in architecture or painting, in science or in literature, in industry or agriculture, have never come from centralized government." *Milton Friedman*

"Since when have we Americans been expected to bow submissively to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?"

Justice William O. Douglas

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Industrial carts, street sweeper brushes, and artificial turf (below) are just a few of the thousands of items available at Damon Carson's booming "repurposed" business.

"Repurposed" Business Booming

Damon Carson has come a long way since selling his first "repurposed" billboard tarp in 2010. When FARM SHOW first ran a story on his company, Repurposed Materials, in 2011, he had a Denver warehouse full of insulated roof panels, rubber roof membranes, rubber conveyor belting, and more.



Conveyor belts were being repurposed as trailer floor liners and livestock fencing, while roof membranes became silage covers. He also had an e-newsletter with 20,000 subscribers.

Since then, Carson has added warehouses in Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas and Philadelphia and his newsletter list has grown to 100,000. He recently told FARM SHOW that he is planning to add a branch in Phoenix in the near future.

In 2017 alone he found second homes for 5.3 million pounds of material that would have otherwise gone to landfills. Recent saves include 45 semi-loads of poly insulation that was headed for the trash, 275 year-old skylights that didn't meet snow load codes in Wisconsin, and 5 semi loads of steel I-beams, plywood and 4 by 6 by 16-ft. timbers from a deconstructed year-old ice rink at a Chicago area mall.

Carson encourages readers of his newsletter to let him know about materials he can repurpose and about ideas for how materials he is selling can be reused. He credits his growth to "customer creativity at finding new uses for repurposed items". (www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com; ph 303 321-1471) *Jim Ruen, Contributing Editor*

Deep Thoughts

- Atheism is a non-prophet organization
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- If a deaf child signs a swear word, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, do they garnish his wages?
- Why do they put braille on drive-through ATM machines at the bank?
- How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If you try to fail and succeed, what have you done?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

"Why don't yew play golf vith Sven anymore, Ole?" asked Lena.

"Vell, would yew play golf vith a sneak who moves da ball and puts down da wrong score?" snapped Ole.

"Vell, certainly not," replied Lena.

"Vell, neither vill Sven!" grumbled Ole.

Ole went to the lumber yard to buy some 2 by 4's. "I'll help you," said the salesman. "How long do you want them?" "Vell, dat's a dumb question," said Ole, "I'm building a house so I need dem for a long time."

Ole and Lena were thrilled when their long wait to adopt a baby came to an end. The adoption agency called to tell them there was a wonderful Russian baby boy available. Ole and Lena accepted without hesitation.

On the way home from the adoption center, they stopped by the local college to enroll in night courses.

After they filled out the forms, the curious registration clerk inquired, "Whatever possessed you to want to study Russian?"

Ole said proudly, "Vell, ve yust adopted a Russian baby. When he begins to talk, ve vant to be able to understand him!"