

Land Pride's Food Plot Seeder comes with a spreader that can be adjusted to broadcast from 4 to 20 ft. wide.



## Compact Seeder Useful For Small Landowners

With compact, all-in-one seeders you can plant a wildlife food plot or spread fertilizer on your lawn and garden easily even if you don't own a tractor. The FPS48 Food Plot Seeder by Land Pride caught our attention because of its diversity and affordable price.

"It's meant for landowners looking for an economical way to put down some seed," says Dee Warren, marketing manager for Land Pride. "It was primarily developed as a food plot tool, and it gets into tighter spaces than a drill or seeder."

The 48-in. wide, 510-lb. machine can be pulled by an ATV or small compact tractor with a clevis hitch or 2-in. receiver hitch. "The blades are 16-in. notched disc blades for more aggressive digging to break up packed soil," Warren says. The 2-cu. ft. hopper is easy to fill at 42-in., and the spin spreader

adjusts to broadcast from 4 to 20 ft. Finally, a fluted roller/packer presses the seeds down for good soil contact.

The Food Plot Seeder sells for just under \$2,800, and is available through Kubota dealers.

Customers use it to seed cover crops and grains, and to spread fertilizer, lime, gypsum and soil conditioners on lawns and gardens.

"You can also take the spin spreader off, and with the addition of an optional extension tube, attach it to any vehicle with a 2-in. receiver hitch and use it to spread sand or salt in the winter," Warren adds.

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## Spreader Makes Adding Compost Easier



Adding compost to gardens is easy with Earth & Turf's raised bed spreader. It has 6 in. of clearance.

Earth & Turf's new raised bed spreader takes the manual labor out of adding compost to home and farmers market gardens.

With 6-in. clearance that straddles about 36-in., the spreader is ideal for long rows of raised beds, says John Bentley, who developed the product a couple of years ago, based on input from market gardeners. The third and final prototype went into production in late 2018.

"Compost kicks out the front so you can watch behind you," Bentley says. "To spread, release a spring-loaded pin that turns the clutch mechanism to move the 30-in. wide conveyor belt forward. The depth of the material being spread can be adjusted from 1/8 to 1 in."

The 6.5 cu. ft. box is made of stainless steel so it is lighter and lasts up to three times longer than mild steel. The box can handle heavier loads, such as sand, wood chips or other landscaping products. It's big enough to hold enough compost to spread 3/8-in.

deep on a 100-ft. row. The spreader has a tall sidewall option that can hold up to 15 cu. ft. of heaped compost, Bentley adds.

It's available through BCS with a special hitch for BCS 2-wheel tractors that market gardeners use. The spreader is also sold with a lawn and garden tractor hitch through Earth & Turf, the company Bentley recently sold, that offers a variety of sizes and types of U.S.-made top dressers and spreaders. Cost for the raised bed spreader is less than \$2,000.

"It also works on lawns or flat gardens for landscaping or putting compost on rows," Bentley adds. "We try to make simple, well-built products that will last. We're all about function and simplicity."

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No-pit guard comes with a floating, spring-loaded inner frame that stays off the ground until you drive onto it, then pops back up again.



## Portable "Floating" Cattle Guard

"There's no need to dig a pit and no weight limit with my new portable Manitoba gate. You can pick it up and easily move it around with a bale fork," says Wyatt Van Damme, Triple Pass Welding, Belmont, Manitoba.

Made from oilfield pipe, the Manitoba Gate is available in 9 and 16-ft. widths. It comes with an outer frame and a floating, spring-loaded inner frame which presses against the ground when driven onto, then pops back up once the vehicle passes. Four springs attach to the gate's 4 corner posts, and stabilizer bars attach to 2 middle posts to keep the gate from rocking as you drive over it.

"The springs keep the inner frame about 6 in. off the ground until you drive onto it. Then the frame pushes against the ground, and once

you drive over it the frame pops right back up again," says Van Damme. "The inner frame's height can be adjusted at 4 different settings, including all the way down to the ground, by just pulling a pin."

"Heavy trucks won't bend the pipes. One of my customers has set his gate up at a gravel pit in his pasture, where a county gravel trailer constantly drives over the gate day in and day out, with no problems."

The 9-ft. Manitoba gate sells for \$900 plus S&H and the 16-ft. gate for \$1,600 plus S&H.

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## Vertical Demolition Has Its Ups And Downs

Taking down a silo next to a barn or a prized tree isn't easy, but L.J. Irving and Sons does it all the time. Their building demolition business has grown to include vertical demolition. That includes everything from farm silos to grain elevators, tall buildings, and more.

"We started getting into vertical work 5 to 6 years ago after 30 years in the demolition business," says Martin Irving, L.J. Irving and Sons. "We have competent people, and it was an easy transition."

He adds that every demolition is different. Some require explosives, while others can be done mechanically. What can be done depends on site conditions and the customer's budget. Clear communication is key from the beginning.

"We need to know the customer's expectations," says Irving. "What are they going to use the site for in the future? We go into the job accordingly to prepare the property for the secondary use."

He knows there is often anxiety when taking down a structure. He sees his goal as solving another person's problem.

"We try to be budget friendly," he says. "Grandma Smith isn't going to pay for a \$170,000 excavator to show up. We have to keep her budget in mind."

L.J. Irving and Sons works throughout the state of Ohio. Prices vary by distance from their headquarters, as well as the job itself. "If there is no one else to do the job in the manner needed, we try to make it as painless as possible."

Irving is open to consulting on demolition needs outside of the state.

"It's important to choose a contractor you trust to complete your project on time, on budget and with the greatest protection for you and your site," says Irving.

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L.J. Irving and Sons' demolition business can take down all kinds of tall buildings, including farm silos and grain elevators.

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