

Werts Snap-Hitch

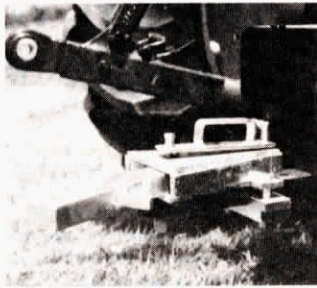
This add-on hitch, which bolts onto the original tractor drawbar, makes quick, easy work of hooking up to heavy equipment, says the manufacturer, Werts Corp. of Bloomfield, Ia.

Called the Snap-Hitch, it swings from side to side, and forward and back. "You have to get off the tractor only once, not 15 times, while you maneuver into the exact position to drop the pin," says Duane Werts, company vice president. Forward-back movement is 7 in., and side-to-side swing is 16 in.

"It's designed primarily for larger tractors — 100 to 200 horsepower — that you have to hook to heavy, awkward equipment, such as a big disk or a loaded grain wagon," says Werts.

Once the pin is in place, the operator backs up the tractor and the hitch snaps into place, locking so that it will no longer move side to side, or forward-back. The final position is stationary, and is 5 in. back of the original drawbar hookup position.

Ordinarily, says Werts, the hitch



Werts hitch moves from side to side, and forward-back to simplify hitching of big, heavy equipment.

would not interfere with use of the tractor's 3-point hookup. If it does, the Snap-Hitch can be quickly removed by taking out three bolts. Sells for \$150.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Werts Corp., P.O. Box 3, Bloomfield, Ia. 52537 (ph 515 664-2644).



"Jungle Mama Red", one of the last of the breed, has fleshy waddle on her jowl.

"SO LEAN, THEY DRESS OUT AT 82%"

Red Waddle Hogs Making Comeback

"This is an ancient and rare breed of hogs that is hardy and very lean with almost no fat," says 80-year-old, retired farmer, H.C. Wenglar, of Jacksonville, Tex. Wenglar raises "Red Waddle" hogs, a breed he may have saved from extinction a few years ago.

Waddle hogs get their name from the fleshy "waddles" that grow from their jowls. They were popular in the 1800's but lost favor when "lard" hogs were introduced in the early 1900's as a supply of cooking grease.

"After 70 years, I never did forget the good taste of that meat," explains Wenglar. "So I started to hunt for those hogs. To my surprise, they were gone."

Wenglar searched throughout Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas with

no luck. Researchers at Texas A & M told him the "Red Waddles" were probably extinct, but he still didn't give up.

After seven years of searching, Wenglar finally found three Red Waddle hogs in a jungle-like area of Texas called Thousand Hells Acres. "An 83-year-old gentleman had them. As far as I know, they were about the last three of that breed," he told FARM SHOW.

Wenglar has revived the breed to the point where he has been able to sell about 100 to other people for breeding stock or for meat. "A butcher of 33 years called me one night and said he had butchered one of my sows," Wenglar relates. "She weighed 610 lbs. and dressed out at 500 lbs. The pork chops were as big as



By holding Motorprobe's snout against a moving part, you can hear trouble spots before serious damage occurs.

FIND TROUBLE BEFORE IT HAPPENS

New "Super Ears" For Fix-It Listening

Before tractor cabs came along, you could listen for unusual sounds that might indicate lack of lubrication, bearing malfunctions or other impending failure in equipment. But today, sound-proof cabs isolate you from most equipment noise and, by the time you can hear trouble, it's too late.

Now, space age electronics permits you to "listen in" on bearings, valves, hydraulic components and other machine parts to pinpoint trouble before it gets serious.

Link Laboratories, Kansas City, Mo., has introduced a fix-it listening device called the Motorprobe which lets you detect bearing or valve noise, leaks in tires or in gas or air lines, and similar problems before they become loud enough to detect normally.

The operator using the Motorprobe wears a pair of headphones while using the hand-held probe. A long "snout" on the end of the probe is placed directly against whatever part is being monitored. Just by holding the probe against a running engine, for example, you can tell if the valves are operating properly. The Motorprobe sells for \$121.50.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Link Laboratories, Box 7243, Kansas City, Mo. 64113 (ph 816 221-3562).

Techsonics of Taos, New Mexico,

has developed the Son-Tector, a listener that hears only high frequencies ultrasonic sound. According to the company, ultrasonic sound is easier to pinpoint than normal sound because it picks up sound only from the trouble spot and is not confused with background noises.

The Son-Tector can be used to check bearings, valve and piston blow-by, air brake systems, cam and tappet assemblies for excess clearance or lack of lubrication, gear strain, arcing within an electrical cable, arcing brushes and slip rings due to dirt or wear, and arcing of contactors due to dirt or pitting.

The Son-Tector, as with the Motorprobe, requires no special training to operate. Manuals come with both units but you'll probably have to experiment for awhile to learn to distinguish sounds. For instance, well lubricated bearings in good condition have a soft whirring sound. Bearings needing grease have a scraping or scratching sound, while those with flat spots or nicks cause a grating, or clicking noise.

The battery-powered Son-Tector sells for \$459.

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a dinner plate and the hams weighed 46 lbs. each."

Those figures indicate an 82% dressing percentage compared to about 60% for most breeds. Wenglar says litters range from 10 to 15 pigs. "They develop fast and big on less feed than any hog that I ever had," he notes.

Wenglar has begun registering his hogs with the Animal Research

Foundation in Quinlan, Texas. They are registered under the name Wenglar's Red Waddles. He's been selling registered pigs at six weeks of age. They go for \$250 a pair at that age.

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