

“Paper Farmer” Buys And Sells Rare Manuals

Mike Becker has no problem parting with his collection of manuals, brochures, and ag equipment memorabilia. He says it helps that he is a “paper farmer,” not a collector.

Becker got his start in the 1990’s when he picked up a box of manuals. After 27 years of buying and selling, he has customers throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe. The increasingly hard part is finding material to sell.

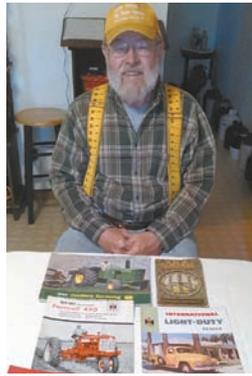
“There is simply less to be found,” he says. “I find some items in mint condition: perhaps they were stuck in a drawer and forgotten,” he says. “But many of the brochures and manuals I come across have been well-read and used.”

Although some of his items go to collectors, Becker estimates about 75 percent goes to people who own the actual equipment. Many of them want the manual or brochure to help them maintain or perhaps restore the equipment.

“I have customers who are building toy and scale models of equipment,” says Becker.

Becker encourages FARM SHOW readers with unwanted farm equipment literature to contact him. He is always in the market.

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Mike Becker has no shortage of customers for his collection of manuals, sales brochures, and ag equipment memorabilia.

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Cattle have access to all 4 sides of the Quad Feeder, allowing multiple animals to use feeder at the same time.

High Capacity “Quad Feeder”

“It’s the largest and most portable stand-alone feeder on the market today. Cattle have access to all 4 sides” says Travis Graves, AmeriAg, LLC, about the company’s new Quad Feeder.

The molded poly feeder has a double-walled patent pending design that keeps even big bulls from tipping it over. It weighs about 180 lbs. and can support a herd of up to 165 cattle.

The unit comes in 3 pieces - the base, hopper and lid. An optional divider can be placed inside the hopper, allowing up to 4 different kinds of mineral, feed or supplement to be fed.

“The lid has an overhanging design, with gutters over each of the access pans to keep rain from getting into the feed,” says Graves. “The lid also protects minerals from destabilizing due to ultraviolet rays. Trailer coupling pins (provided) are used to secure the lid to the base.”

The Quad Feeder’s doors can be adjusted to shut the flow of feed off completely, making it easy to move the feeder even when it’s full.

Fly bullets or insecticide strips can be installed on each side of the feeder by drilling holes in the upper arch of the lid. “It allows for true hands-free and stress-free fly control, as the cattle treat and retreat themselves while consuming mineral,” says Graves.

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Pallet Caddy Stores Firewood

“I made 3-sided caddies out of old pallets to make an easy way to store and move firewood with my tractor and loader,” says Bob Stevenson, a Pennsylvania retiree. His design uses a base pallet sitting flat with vertical pallets standing upright on three sides, attached by wood screws. The simple design allows easy filling, stacking, storing, retrieval and dumping.

“Using the loader on my Deere 870 to move empty or full pallet boxes works great,” Stevenson says. “I fill them by the woodpile, set them in a row for curing, then

cover them with canvas or rubber. I keep 3 or 4 of the full pallets inside my shed and use the tractor to haul them to the house during heating season.”

Before dumping a pallet at the house, Stevenson ties it to the frame of the lift forks with a ratchet binder. “I drive over to the wood chute, tilt the box and the wood slides down the chute into the basement, slick as can be. It’s an efficient way to handle the 36 pallets of wood that I use to heat our house every year,” says Stevenson.

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Bob Stevenson says his loader-mounted, 3-sided pallet caddies make it easy to store and move firewood.

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