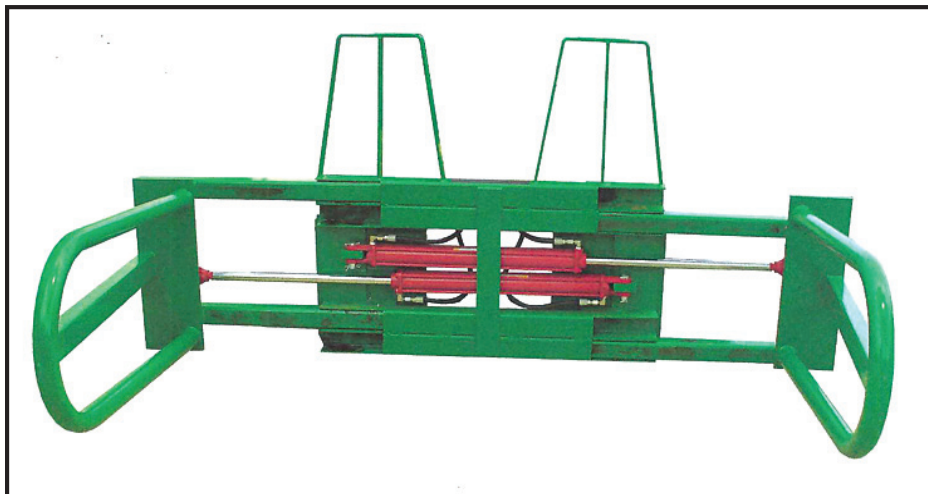


## “Shifty” Big Bale Grabber

“Our big bale grabber is equipped with 2 hydraulic cylinders that enable grabbing bales off center. It lets you grab and stack a bale when working in tight places, and also grab and move the bale after it has already been opened,” says Melvin Martin, Stevens, Penn. “Customers tell us they really like its versatility.”

The Martin Bale Hugger is designed to handle round or big square bales and comes with a pair of cylinders that act independently. Each cylinder is attached to a steel plate that’s welded to a pair of horizontal tubes, which slide inside larger tubes as the cylinder is extended or retracted. The cylinder that doesn’t encounter any resistance will be the first one to move. The design lets you shift the arms independently to either side. They open from 30 to 76 in. wide.

“You can center the bale inside the arms, or grab the bale from either side. However you drive up to the bale, that’s the position it’ll grab it whether it’s centered or not,” says Martin. “The ability to grab bales this way comes in handy if, for example, the bale sets close to a wall and there’s not enough room for the skid loader to center



Martin Bale Hugger is equipped with 2 hydraulic cylinders that act independently, allowing you to grab bales off center.

the bale. You can keep one arm stationary and move the other one in to grab the bale.”

He says you also can grab and move a bale after the strings have been removed, without popping the middle out of the bale. “Both arms will apply the same amount of pressure, so as long as you square up the bale it won’t fly apart,” says Martin, adding

that the Bale Hugger’s rounded arms work great for handling bales wrapped in plastic.

Call for current pricing.

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**ExoPlate Crop Dividers** are shorter than the crop divider snouts on many grain heads, and knock down fewer soybeans when making sharp turns or adjusting to auto track.



## Compact Crop Dividers Cut Loss

You can replace long crop divider snouts on many grain heads with ExoPlate Crop Dividers, short snouts from Lundell Plastics that knock down fewer soybeans when making sharp turns or adjusting to auto track. Their trim design also makes platforms easier to store and transport.

“They really slip under tangled beans,” notes Vance Lundell, Lundell Plastics. “They are perfect for guys who don’t like those long snouts sticking out.”

“We use 2 different types of plastic in them,” says Lundell. UHMW polyethylene has the highest impact strength of any thermoplastic presently made. It is extremely resistant to corrosion, self-lubricating and highly resistant to abrasion, up to 15 times more resistant than carbon steel. The HDPE, known for its high tensile strength, gives the unit its core durability.

Lundell says the ExoPlate Crop Dividers are available in 2 sizes to replace snouts on any grain platform with 1 1/2” or 1 3/4” receiving tubes. They are priced at \$159 per pair.

“They are simple to attach,” says Lundell. “Remove the old snout, slip the shaft into place and tighten the set screw. When you tighten a set screw into poly, it is like tightening a lock nut.”

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## Nite Guard Discourages Predators

Jim and Betty Meyer, Princeton, Minnesota, sell several thousand ringneck pheasants each year as well as about 30,000 partridge.

The birds are kept in outside pens. At night, Great Horned Owls and other predatory birds were regular visitors. “They were flying away with our profits,” he says.

After trying several other ideas, they found that small, flashing red lights would scare the birds away.

They designed a small solar-powered unit that could be mounted anywhere.

“There are no batteries to wear out and you don’t have to run electric wiring to it,” he points out.

“Nite Guard’s small flashing light is enough to signal danger to predators, so they avoid the area,” Meyer explains.

Several lights can also be used to keep raccoons, deer and other animals out of gardens, orchards and flower beds. They’re also effective against weasels, foxes, and coyotes.

Nite Guard lights measure 2 1/2 by 2 by 1 in. One light will protect in only one direction. You will need additional lights to shine in the other directions. The average life of the lights is 2-3 years and they sell for \$19.95 each.

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