

Reader Letters



I use soccer shin guards when bucking firewood. Due to a broken lower leg from a car accident, it's easy to bust open my shin when I bump it because the bone growth is tight to the front skin. The guards allow me to lean my legs against the logs without issue. They work so well that I wear them on both legs, even though the other one doesn't have this condition. **(Todd Boehm, Denmark, Wis.)**

I took an extended grabber and replaced the tongs with soda bottle caps. I use it to pick up rocks. **(Larry L. Schmidt, Fairbury, Neb.)**



Have you ever fought to get SPAM out of the can? There's a simple solution. Punch a couple of holes in the bottom to relieve the vacuum. Tip it over and gently shake it, and it'll drop out. Then, use a cheese cutter to make slices. **(Rick Bohl, Cedaredge, Colo.)**

We have a restored 1957 Ford 660. The engine has been overhauled, and the tractor looks great after we painted it. Unfortunately, when I pull the throttle quickly, it pauses and dies.

We also have an Allis-Chalmers 190. When it's under load and needs more power, it hesitates and dies. If anyone has any ideas for either tractor, please get in touch with me by mail. **(Jerry Hon, 8307 Hominy Ridge Rd., Florence, Ind. 47020)**

I make butter with a blender. Allow cream to come to room temperature. Fill a blender 2/3 full, start on high, and drop in two ice cubes while running. Add a little water if the cream isn't churning well or is too thick. When the blender surges a few times, pour out the buttermilk. Press out the remaining buttermilk from the butter. **(Ron Betts, Bronson, Mich.)**

Easy Way To Send Your Ideas

How often do you see an idea when you're out and about and say, "Hey, that should be in FARM SHOW?" Next time that happens, just take out your phone and send us a photo or two. Just text them to us at **952-465-5019**. If you want to leave a voice mail explaining what you're sending, this phone is dedicated to FARM SHOW stories so it's on and available 24/7. No need to worry about disturbing anyone. Call or text day or night with your ideas, comments or suggestions.



I've finally solved a chronic problem; all it took was a heavy wooden block to serve as a "bookend." When driving down hills, things no longer fall off the seat and onto the floor.



Sometimes, you need to open things up to dry an area out. Just take the doors off. This applies to any storage area on the farm or in the home. **(John Rochester, Charlotte, N.C.)**



I repaired my wife's laundry basket using two oak boards (3/4 in. by 1 1/2 in. by 16 3/4 in. long), two 1/2-in. PEX pipes (10 in. long) and two 1/4-in. dia. nylon ropes (20 in. long). First, I rounded off one edge of the boards. Then I cut 3/4-in. deep slots to accommodate the plastic gussets. Finally, I drilled 1/4-in. holes 6 in. apart.

I save my issues of FARM SHOW. For future reference, I write the title or idea and page number on the front cover to help me locate articles I'm interested in. You could write your notes on a sticky note and place it on the cover instead. **(Ralph Volkman, Black Creek, Wis.)**

It's disappointing that our cars are still rusting. Build a car or truck that lasts 15 years, and people will stand in line to buy it. Think about it. **(Daniel Jacobson, Pequot Lakes, Minn.)**

After four or five years of my neighbor giving me his FARM SHOW issues after he was done reading them, I think it's time to step up and do my bit. So, I'm subscribing for three years.

In the 1950s, when I was a young sprout, I helped my dad build a couple of homemade tractors. Back then, we called them "cut downs." A Model T truck worm drive axle and engine with an extra transmission grafted on to make a lower gear, along with oversized rear tires with chains, made a pretty fair tractor—or so we thought back then. **(Jim Greene, Bens Run W.Va.)**



Occasionally, we have black bear issues. This horn is part of the solution. It's an "oogah" horn married to a 12-volt Black & Decker drill. **(Casey Ertz, Weaverville, N.C.)**

I've enjoyed FARM SHOW for a long time. I've started taking some of my old magazines to a retirement home where many old farmers live. They enjoy them very much. Keep up the good work you all do. **(Larry G. Dallman, Greenwood, Wis.)**

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Boot dryers are great for drying boots, but the piece that extends over the arch of the toes makes them less effective for gloves, hats and mittens. I solved this problem with PVC pipe that fits over the dryer's existing tubes.

I drilled holes in the pipes and added cheap kitchen whisks. This way, when you put the hat, glove or mitten over the whisk, it spreads out the fabric so the air can get into all the fingers, nooks and crannies. This works much better than the provided angled arm. **(Cal Miner, Willmar, Minn.)**

I guess you could say I love my Ford vehicles. I bought a new 2007 Fusion to drive to work. The mileage to work was 75 miles one way. I ran the car for 13 years and retired. At the end of that time, the car had 464,883 miles on the original engine, clutch and pressure plate. The only thing replaced on the engine was an alternator. It was damaged when it jumped out of gear.

I also have a 2004 F-350 diesel SuperCab long bed 4x4 pickup, a 1996 F-250 4x4 pickup for the farm, and a 2024 Maverick pickup. My tractors are Ford and New Holland, as well. All four tractors have provided outstanding service without many mechanical issues. **(Richard T. Wieberg, Freeburg, Mo.)**

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