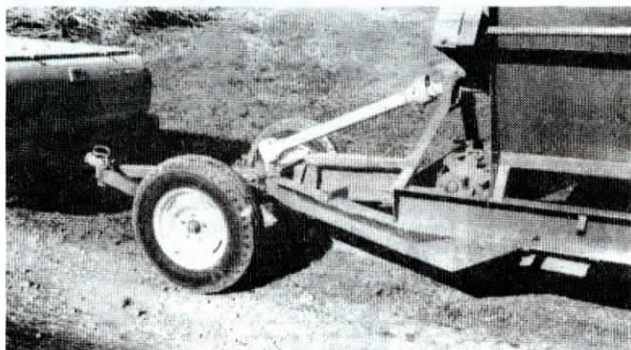


Made It Myself

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"Dolly" Trailer Lets Small Car Or Truck Pull Oversize Trailers, Wagons

A New Zealand farmer had this trailer "dolly" built so he could use his small pickup to pull large grain wagons and other equipment.

Dennis Garland, of Matamata, mounted truck tires on a heavy-duty truck axle and mounted a trailer tongue to that. It simply

tows behind any car, truck or tractor. The towed trailer or wagon hitches to a tow bar mounted directly on the dolly axle, which takes the weight of the wagon or trailer being towed so the weight doesn't rest on the towing vehicle.



All-Purpose Log Fork

"In 1981 I was cutting timber for a new barn and needed something to handle logs. We owned a New Holland skid steer loader so I tried to buy an attachment. I found that all attachments available were either too costly or poorly designed," says Donald Israel, Shell Lake, Wis.

"I decided to build what I needed and went to our scrap pile to find two old plow beams and some V-channel and angle iron. In one day's time I had welded together what I wanted for just the cost of welding rod.

"The fork mounts on a rectangular frame that supports two curved supports that cradle logs, round bales, fenceposts, machinery, and other items we haul. Works great. For high lift jobs, like placing rafters hay conveyors and so forth, I welded a short piece of chain to a steel pipe that I slip over one prong of the fork to reach straight into the air about 16 ft."

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Fertilizer "Injector" For Ridge Till Ground

"We figure it'll cut our fertilizer cost 40 to 50%," says Minnesota farmer Floyd Olson who rigged up this applicator for "injecting" dry fertilizer into ridge-till corn ground.

Equipped for 3-pt. mounting, the applicator covers 12 30-in. rows and bands dry fertilizer 3 to 4 in. deep on top of each ridge, slightly to one side of center where corn will be placed at planting time.

The fertilizer hoppers and disc openers, mounted on a 5 by 7-in. toolbar, are from Deere planters.

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I-Beam Feed Bunk

"I-beams make great feedbunks. Feed doesn't spoil from sitting on the ground and cattle don't walk on their feed," says Len Digney, Raymore, Sask.

Digney, who has used salvaged I-beams for feedbunks for the past two years, says you can buy them for about \$1 per foot: "They're cheaper than wooden bunks and last a lot longer."

He uses I-beams 12-in. high and 18-in. wide and dumps feed directly into them from his grinder-mixer for his 150 head of beef cattle. As a rule of thumb, he figures 1 ft. of beam per animal.

Digney blow-torches holes in the end of the beams so he can chain them together and drag a



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string with his tractor to different locations.



Livestock Scratcher/Feeder

John Murphy, Lena, Wis., built a handy back scratcher/mineral feeder combination for livestock out of road grader tire.

Murphy, bolted a section of 12-in. square channel iron to each side of the tire. The channel iron sections are attached to a steel plate platform so the tire sits about 8-in. off the ground but won't tip over.

A two-in. hole drilled in the bottom of the tire drains out

water. Murphy puts salt and mineral blocks inside the tire. He notes that cattle like to scratch and rub against the big tire which isn't as flexible as a used tractor tire and can withstand bumping and rubbing by big animals without collapsing.

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