



Teaching videw stars "Sam", a Border Collie.

"HOW TO" ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT

Teaching Video For Dog Owners

"It'll work for do-it-yourself training of any breed of dog with a natural herding instinct, such as a Border Collie, Kelpie or Australian Shepherd," says Russel Graves, a dog-training expert who has captured the "how to" of dog training on a two-hour long video tape. It stars Graves, who has raised and trained Border Collies for 12 years, and his own dog "Sam".

The video's first tip is to "spend \$100 to \$300 on a well-bred pup and then go to work." If your dog will be working both cattle and sheep, Graves advises training first on sheep, then cattle. "If you start with cattle and then go to sheep, the dog generally will be too rough for the sheep," he notes.

Ten lessons for "beginner" trainers and dogs cover everything from the basics, such as teaching your dog to drop and chase a rag, to flanking, outruns and how to spot and correct mistakes. For the more advanced dog trainer, Graves is working on another video which will show driving, cross driving, shedding, sending livestock out of sight, and more.

The just-released video for beginners sells for \$39.95, plus \$2 shipping. Available VHS or Beta.

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BIGGEST IN WORLD, IT'LL EVEN FILL TALL SILOS

Monster Auger Moves 10,000 Bu. Per Hour

As grain augers go, Feterl Manufacturing's new 120 ft. side load auger is a monster.

"To our knowledge, it's the biggest of its type in the world," says Ron Feterl, vice president of the firm headquartered in Salem, S. Dak.

The "monster's" statistics are impressive: Capacity is 10,000 bu./hr. for wheat, and 8,000 bu. for dry corn. The 12 in. dia. tube alone holds 86 bu. and it can empty a 550 bu. wagon or truck in 3.5 min.

"About 85% of our sales have been to commercial grain elevators and 15% to farmers," says Feterl. The auger operates at 540 rpm pto speed and requires a tractor of about 120 hp. A hydraulically powered winch lifts the rig via a scissors and post undercarriage. "There's no need to leave your tractor to move and reposition the auger," says Feterl. "Swinging the 42 by 48 by 12 in. deep hopper into place is the only physical effort required."

Robert Zylstra, who farms 2,000 acres near Sibley, Iowa, bought one of the monster augers a year ago. "It works great for piling corn, filling bins, bunkers and even silos, and for loading grain out of storage," says Zylstra. "On our farm it takes the place of a grain leg."

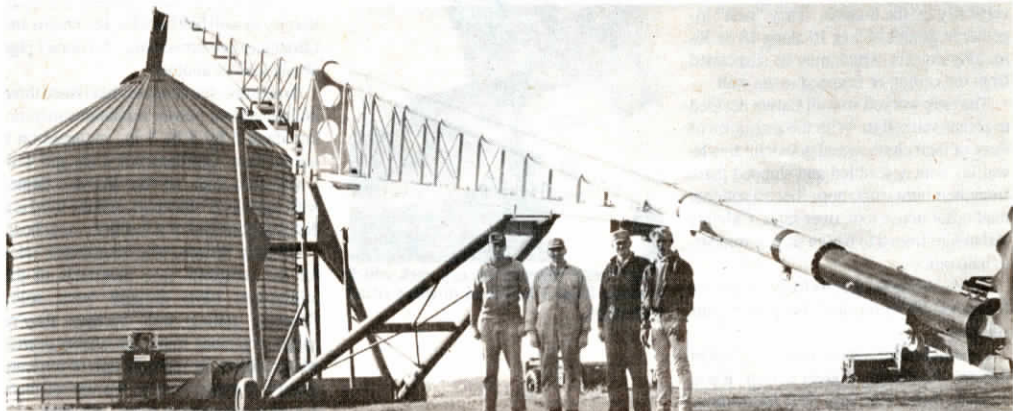
He also uses the auger to load dry corn into his Harvestore silos. "It's unbelievable how high the auger can go. As you fold the transport section in at a steeper angle, the auger just keeps going up and up. We've set it top center over a 50 ft. Harvestore with no problem, and have used it to fill a 60 ft. Harvestore through a side hatch. We didn't

try to top fill the 60 ft. silo with the auger but it probably would have worked. It eliminates the need for a blower and is three to four times faster than either a blower or a pneumatic grain mover."

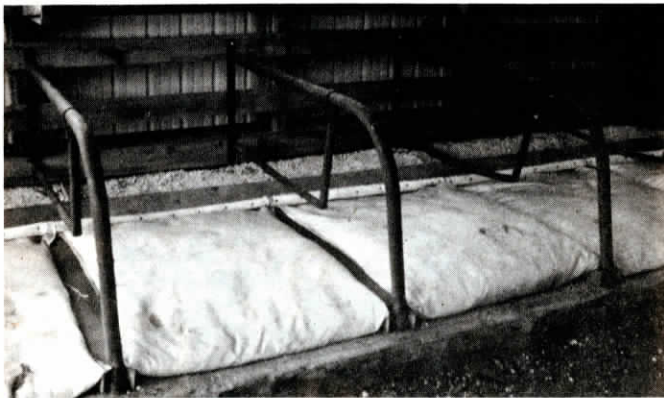
Feterl Mfg. rates the auger's maximum height at 58-1/2 ft.

"Grain damage with the auger is generally very low," says Zylstra. "Its large diameter and capacity keep most of the grain in contact with other grain rather than with metal."

Zylstra adds that moving the 120 ft. monster auger down the road is a bit of a challenge. "We had to get an oversize permit to take it on the road. There are a lot of intersections you can't even turn at."



Iowa farmer Ralph Zylstra uses a Feterl 120-ft. giant grain auger to fill his 50 and 60-ft. Harvestore silos.



Polypropylene plastic bags are stuffed with 4 in. of straw or other bedding and attached to front "brisket board" of stalls.

NEW COST-SAVING IDEA FOR DAIRYMEN

"Cow Pillows" Keep Bedding Dry, Fresh

At least two manufacturers of plastic bags have "tooled up" to meet mounting demand for Cow Pillows, the latest new wrinkle in "creature comfort" for dairy cows.

Here's the idea: You stuff 4 by 8 ft. plastic polypropylene bags with bedding material such as straw, sawdust, wood shavings, or rice hulls to make "cow pillows" about 4 in. thick and, when folded up, 4 ft. wide and 6 ft. long.

"They show real promise for cutting down on bedding costs, and for keeping bedding dry and fresh," says University of

Missouri extension dairy specialist Ron Young. "Some dairymen in northeast Missouri have used stuffed pillows for more than a year and the cows haven't torn them yet. The biggest question is whether the seams will hold up."

The key advantage of the plastic bags, which are made of polypropylene material four times heavier than that used for plastic feed or garbage bags, is that they shed water and keep bedding dry. "Some dairymen estimate that they're spending \$8 to \$10 a year to bed their cows, and they have to put in new bedding every 10 to 14 days. If these bags last two or three years, they'll be a whole lot cheaper than the bedding and labor now necessary with freestalls. We recommend that dairy farmers try a few pillows to see how they work before they fill the barn with them," says Young.

Installation of the pillows takes only a few minutes. You stuff them, then close them by folding the top 2 ft. over and bolting the folded end to the brisket board at the front of each freestall.

Cost of the plastic polypropylene 4 by 8 ft. bags is right at \$15 each. For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup: Jerry Bassman, Commercial Bag and Textile Co., 2724 Second Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50313 (ph 515 282-1248). Or, FARM SHOW Followup, Mike Miller, Miller Bag Co., P.O. Box 1125, 861 E. Hennepin, Minneapolis, Minn. 55458 (ph 612 378-3200);