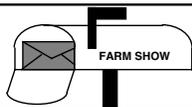


# Reader Letters



I have developed a potato that is resistant to the Colorado potato beetle. We never have to spray for beetles and it out-yields certified seed. So far, I have about 50 lbs. of seed available. I selected it from one tuber I found in 1988. I would like to find someone to help me market it, or I would sell the rights to it. **(Charles Schilling, Rt. 3, Box 170, Frazee, Minn. 56544)**

You can make a handy jar opener by cutting out a piece of rubber inner tube about 6 in. in dia. Lets you get a good grip on any jar lid. **(Larry Evans, Ty Ty, Georgia)**

I'd like to comment on Kathy Smith's story about "painting" wood fences with used motor oil to preserve them and prevent chewing by horses (Vol. 20, No. 6). I've used this idea for years on fences and feed bunks with great results. It looks good, too. **(Robert Elliott, Rt. 1, Site 9, Comp 4, Smithers, B.C. V0J 2N0 Canada)**

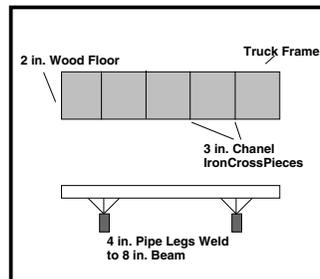
I use plastic barrels filled with sand and water to run temporary electric fence in feed



lots, over driveways, or anywhere you can't drive a post. I just run the wire through the handle on the barrels so they won't short out. **(Robert L. Eicher, Sr., 3141 Ben Fulton Ave. N.W., North Lawrence, Ohio 44666 ph 330 832-7477)**

In your last issue you had a story about a "peel and stick" heater for oil pans and engines you need to keep warm in winter. Here's a product that works similar but is a lot better. It's a magnetic heater you can move from place to place as needed. It's made by Budd Canada Inc., Box 962, Osborne & Mulvey, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada R3C 2V3 ph 204 452-2005. Sells for about \$30 Canadian and will heat up anything that you can stick the magnetic base to, such as engine blocks, oil pans, transmissions, differentials, radiators, hydraulic cylinders, pumps, pipes, etc. It has a built-in thermostat. **(Herb Shier, Box 88, Colonsay, Sask. S0K 020 Canada)**

I made a heavy-duty feed bunk using the frame from an old truck and some scrap



metal. The bunk consists of the rectangular frame of the truck mounted on legs made of 4-in. dia. pipe. A length of 8-in. I-beam runs under each end of the bunk. I welded in several 3-in. channel iron cross pieces along

the length of the truck frame. Then I made a "floor" for the bunk using 2-in. lumber. It's built strong to last and didn't cost much. **(Robert Ouverson, 24495 Eagle Ave., Fertile, Iowa 50434 ph 515 797-2484)**

I know many of your readers have built their own wire unrollers but I think mine may be unique because it can unroll both barbed

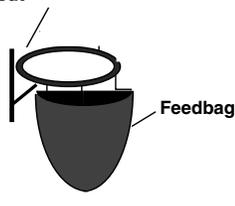


wire and big rolls of woven wire. It consists of a plywood platform that mounts on the tractor 3-pt., a few pieces of pipe, and a pair of disc blades. Short pieces of pipe weld to the discs. They turn inside larger pieces of pipe. Two long angle iron braces extend up from the frame of the tractor to anchor the top disc when unrolling woven wire. It works great and makes a much easier job of putting up fence. **(Ervin Clark, 378 Lone Tree Rd., Oroville, Calif. 95965 ph 916 534-9307)**

I am writing in reference to the drive-through silo recently shown in FARM SHOW (Vol. 20, No. 5). That silo might be the newest and most efficient but it's hardly the first.

I'm sending along a photo of four drive-through silos erected around 1930 on the Walker Gordon farm near Plainsboro, New Jersey. They had a tunnel for feed wagons to drive through. Silage dropped down into them through a center chute. Each silo was 40 ft. in dia., 85 ft. tall, and held 3,000 tons of silage. At one time, the Gordon farm was the world's largest dairy, milking 1,650 cows twice daily on their famous 50-stall rotary milking parlor. They ceased dairy operations in 1971 but continued with a small cow-calf operation. Today the farm is about to be developed for housing and the four silos will soon be demolished. **(Rudolph B. Wellnitz, RD 3, Box 66, Cranbury, N.J. 08512 ph 609 799-0734)**

## Old Basketball Hoop with Wire Hooks Facing out



Hanging a feedbag from an old basketball hoop works great for holding bale strings. Works best if you modify it so the hooks on the hoop face out. **(David Hawker, 4627 Elmer Derr Rd., Frederick, MD 21703)**

Farmers should be aware that many coyote hunters now use specially trained dogs that they control with radio collars. The hunters don't trespass on your land - just their dogs do. But the dogs don't only chase out the coyotes. They can also chase the deer out and panic your livestock, which they did on my place last fall. I think it should be against the law to hunt on public road right of ways

or to turn a dog loose on someone's property.

In my opinion, we need the coyotes and fox to help keep down the populations of gophers and field mice. **(Robert Crampton, P.O. Box 194, Staples, Minn. 56479)**

A couple years ago you ran an article about my tall Mexican corn. A total of 611 people from every state except Arizona ordered samples of seed. We even had 32 orders from Canada. The corn has done real well, especially in the Southeast, and I've had it on TV, radio and newspapers.

We really enjoy FARM SHOW. When friends stop by they get to reading our copies and won't quit till they get through the whole thing. **(Marion Sexton, 3220 130th St., Riverside, Iowa 52327)**

I'd like to tell you about the tremendous response I've received from the story you ran in FARM SHOW on my backhoe. Your circulation area is vast. I've had well over 200



responses from the entire U.S. and much of Canada, and have made many sales over the phone.

Since your article, I've come up with an extendable backhoe. There's been a lot of interest in this deeper digging unit, especially up north. Our extendable backhoe extends from 6 ft. to a maximum of 8 ft. Like our regular unit, the non-hydraulic backhoe does not require auxiliary hydraulics. Can be fitted with an optional hydraulic cylinder for bucket. **(Randy Lackender, Lackender Fabrications, 4645 Naples Ave. S.W., Iowa City, Iowa 52240 ph 319 338-4114)**

My patented new Pallet Transporter is an economical and easy way to transport pallet loads of cargo at highway speeds. It's designed to meet DOT standards for public roadways. It has hydraulic brakes and 16-



in., 10-ply tires. Carries up to 5,500 lbs. on the forks, which are raised and lowered by a 12-volt hydraulic system with a hand pump for back up. The forks are enclosed by a metal mesh canopy. It's great for all kinds of lifting and delivery jobs. **(Howard Richards, Inmat Corporation, 405 Daniel Dr., W. Melbourne, Fla. 32904 ph 407 722-0701)**

After going to some local auctions to look for a good used 6-row planter, we found out a good one would cost \$8,000 to \$15,000 for a Deere, which we couldn't justify for our 150 acres.

A local dealer had a used 12-row 600 Allis-Chalmers planter. It didn't have a fertilizer system on it but the row units were in good shape. We bought the planter for \$1,600, cut off both folding wings, and then welded 20 in. on both sides to make it the right width for six 30-in. narrow rows. We shortened the markers and used the planter's 12-row monitor.

We then located an AC dealer that went

out of business and purchased six dry fertilizer disc openers and a ground drive wheel for \$250.

We found a farmer that had a junked IH 56 6-row planter that had two good fiberglass fertilizer hoppers and gears on it for \$100. These hoppers had 3 row outlets per hopper.

We bought new fertilizer hoses and welded the whole 56 IH planter frame and gears onto the AC planter, and made a spring-loaded tightener for the fertilizer drive wheel. We then had to calibrate the fertilizer drive system.

After putting a few more new parts on the planter, we ended up with a planter in excellent condition for a total cost of approximately \$2,500. When we took it to the field we expected to have some problems but we planted all 150 acres with almost no trouble at all. **(Todd Brown, Rt. 2, Box 196, Cato, N.Y. 13033 ph 315 626-6779)**

Your readers may be interested in our hydraulic tilt deck trailer that's available with



an optional roller deck - nine 6-in. pipe rollers spaced evenly along the length of the deck. The rollers lock in place once the load is loaded. This trailer was originally designed for lumber delivery but can be used for many other jobs.

Load capacity is 20,000 lbs. Bed measures 8 ft. 4 in. wide and 24 ft. long. The bed is tilted by a self-contained electro-hydraulic system with a battery charging system. It has 10,000 lb. Dexter oil bath axles, with a frame made out of 10-in. channel iron with 4-in. channel iron cross members. It's fitted with electric brakes on both axles.

We feel this is one of the best built, most unusual trailers on the market. **(LeRoy Lillibridge, Iron Steer, HC3, Box 83, Watford City, N. Dak. 58854 ph 800 644-6247 or 701 675-2344)**

I own and operate a 1,000 head hog finishing barn. The barn is cleaned after each set of hogs - about three times a year. Manure



buildup on the concrete floor becomes hard and is a real problem to remove.

I use a 3,000 psi pressure washer to cut the manure loose. As you can imagine, the spray and splash is bad. I came up with a simple way to prevent the problem. I just took the guard off an old weed wacker and mounted it at the end of the pressure washer nozzle. This completely solved the problem, totally eliminating backslash to the face and legs. Hope this idea helps someone else. **(D.L. Stuart, Donni-Brook Farm, 10120 Jersey Mill Rd., Pataskala, Ohio 43062)**

I designed this little fish deheader in my welding and repair shop for local fishermen who provide fish for market. They need to be headless and dressed. It's quite simple.

