

## Short Season Open-Pollinated Corn

“Most open-pollinated corn is grown in southern areas with longer growing seasons. Beneficial varieties for growers with a short season have not been widely available. We’re changing that with faster finishing, OP corn varieties that will let growers that have a short season to profit from open-pollinated corn,” says Vaughn Emo, Avoca, N.Y. of Green Haven Open-Pollinated Seed Group.

Green Haven Open-Pollinated Seed Group is a nationwide organization of seedsmen based in western N.Y. They are focusing on improving OP varieties for silage,

grain and wildlife plots. Many varieties are available certified organic.

Green Haven works with 75,85,87,90,100, and 110 day open pollinated field corn seed. Open-pollinated corn is said to be higher in protein and sugar than regular hybrids, giving livestock farmers higher feed value. Of course, the biggest advantage is that farmers can select their own seed from this year’s crop to plant next year. Open pollinated sweet corn, pop corn and pumpkin seed are also available.

For a free brochure contact FARM SHOW



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**Secure Covers** durable woven mesh blanket eliminates the need for tires when covering a bunker silo. Unlike plastic held down by tires, the wind doesn’t lift it up, maintaining the proper environment for silage fermentation. Bag Armour™ protects your valuable silage bags.



*“Tough as a Warrior’s Shield!”*

## Secure Covers And Bag Armour™: Protect Your Feed Investment Without Tires!

No tires are needed for covering a bunker silo with the new Secure Covers. Just lay down the plastic sheet but instead of covering it with tires, roll out the tear resistant mesh. Jim Kautz, Bag Man LLC, U.S. Distributor for Secure Covers explains, “They were developed in England to prevent bird damage but as an added benefit, farmers found that they no longer needed to use tires to hold the plastic down and the quality of the feed increased.”

Secure Covers and Bag Armour™ are made from virgin high density polyethylene, guaranteed against UV breakdown for 7 years. The material is strong enough to protect from hail damage and prevent animals from puncturing the plastic. Secure Covers eliminates the problems that come with tires, from mosquitos in the summer, tire wire in the feed when they accidently go through the TMR, to sore backs after throwing houndreds of tires down.

Covering silage and grain bags with Bag Armour™ gives excellent protection whether it is hail, birds such as crows, or animal damage like holes caused by dogs and cats running across the top of the bag, Bag Armour™ has you covered. Bag Armour™ is made from the same material as Secure Covers but cut in sizes to fit any brand of silage or grain bag up to 14 ft. diameter. Depending on where your damage

is occurring, Bag Armour™ can cover your bag two different ways. Crown Coverage covers the top portion of the bag providing protection from hail and birds. Ground to Ground Coverage covers all exposed sides of the bag preventing deer and other animals from damaging the plastic lower on the bag.

Secure Gravel Bags are 3-ft. long and come with several handle options. Made from the same material as Secure Covers and Bag Armour™, Secure Gravel Bags come with the same 7 year UV warranty. Secure Gravel Bags intelligently use weight where it is most effective. They are placed end to end on the perimeters of bunkers, piles, and bags. This creates tension across the surface and prevents air from entering under the bunker cover.

A 9 x 200 bag can hold 8500 bushels of high moisture corn. At \$7.00 per bushel, that bag is worth \$59,000. Even a small amount of damage can be costly. Bag Armour™ is simple, effective insurance for your valuable feed.

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“It’s an amazing breed that has everything anyone wants in a sheep,” says Hope Bennett, who sells breeding stock.

## Harlequin Sheep Breed: The Perfect (And The Cutest)

When Hope Bennett first saw Harlequin sheep she figured she had found the perfect breed. They had no horns, were small and gentle to handle, yet hardy enough to take care of themselves. Best of all they were cute with fluffy spotted wool. But, the clincher for Bennett was their blue eyes.

The Harlequin breed didn’t develop overnight. The breed is the result of three decades of hard work by Maryland breeder Kathleen Sterling, who recently passed away. Bennett met Sterling six years ago, and has since taken up the cause of preserving Harlequin sheep as an American breed. With the help of her assistant Shauna Smith, she is seeking people who purchased sheep from Sterling in order to create an official registry for the breed.

The breeds Sterling used include: Karakul, Tunis, Corriedale, Lincoln, Border Leicester, Romney, Montadale, Finn-Rambouillet, Dorset and Southdown rams.

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