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Glass Gem Corn Shines On The Cob

Interested in planting something totally new and different in your garden this summer? You might want to try Glass Gem corn.

"Glass Gem corn has gotten worldwide publicity because of its beauty," says Bill McDorman, executive director for Native Seeds/SEARCH in Tucson, Ariz., noting that it's a flint corn. That means it's suitable for popping. However, there's more interest in it for decoration.

For about 20 years, Carl Barnes, an Oklahoma farmer selectively saved seed with vivid, translucent colors to develop the variety. His seed was eventually passed on to McDorman at Native Seeds/SEARCH. Now Glass Gem, a 90-day corn, is available for \$5.95 for about 100 seeds.

It's an open-pollinated variety, which means seeds can be saved from year to year.

"At our seed bank we have over 500 varieties of corn and more than 2,000 varieties of other crops adapted to the Southwest," McDorman says. The organization believes diverse and traditionally developed varieties are important for future food security.

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All-Season Windshield Protector

"It works better than anything on the market and eliminates the need for hooks, magnets and bungee cords," says Galen Crozier, Amana, Iowa, about his new all season windshield cover for pickups and SUVs.

The patented one-piece cover is made from 600 denier fabric and designed to cover the windshield and front side door windows. The side wings have pockets that slide over the doors, window frames and are locked in place when the doors are shut. A 6-in flap on the front covers the windshield wiper blades.

It is designed to fit any full-sized pickup or SUV including Chevy, Dodge, Ford, Toyota, and GMC brands.

"It fits onto the doors like a mitten to keep the snow and ice off in the winter and the heat out in the summer. It also adds some privacy if your vehicle is parked in public," says Crozier. "Fishermen like the protection when they park at a public boat landing all

day. Firemen enjoy the snow and ice protection and ease of removal when they get a call and do not have time to scrape a windshield.

"It works better than windshield covers that use hooks because they are a pain to use and only cover the windshield. Other products are made from cheap fabric that can easily rip and blow off. As long as the wind does not blow the doors off your truck, this cover will stay on your truck."

This windshield cover is made in America and comes in a very popular licensed Mossy Oak camouflage pattern and some solid colors as fabric availability allows.

Sells for \$99.95 plus S&H.

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No More Bales That Are Too Tight Or Too Loose

On-the-go density control is a big plus for small square baler owners who now must either stop and adjust tension at the bale chamber or put up with making bales that are often too tight or too loose. Bales of consistent size and weight stack and ship better providing hay buyers with added value.

The Airbaler is a complete bale density control system for small square balers that replaces spring or hydraulic systems. It uses air pressure instead of springs or hydraulics to ensure tension applied to the bale chamber remains nearly constant. The Airbaler also includes an optional Density Adjustor mounted in the tractor cab that allows the operator to increase or decrease the density of bales without even slowing down.

In a 2009 customer survey, 100 percent of Airbaler users who responded reported

an improvement in bale density and 98 percent said they would recommend the Airbaler to others. These are just some of the benefits reported by hay growers across North America:

- Bales are more uniform and consistent
- Bales are easier to collect with a hay stacker
- Bales stack better in the barn and during transportation
- Less time spent checking and adjusting bale density
- Fewer bales that are too loose or too tight



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