

“Teaser” Harness Saves Time, Money, Hassle

“A sheep producer can have several hundred dollars tied up in a ‘teaser’ ram over the course of a year, and this device can eliminate much of that extra cost,” says Glen Erickson of New Frontier Genetics. Erickson invented a fabric shield called The Teaser that fits under a ram’s belly, covering his sheath and preventing him from breeding a standing ewe. Erickson produces two models of the device, one that prevents breeding and marks ewes in heat and another that’s just a preventive cover. He cuts out the materials for making the device himself and a professional seamstress handles the sewing.

“I came up with the idea when a producer I know wanted to transport a trailer full of ewes and a ram, but he didn’t want the ram with the ewes,” says Erickson. “He had to pen the ram in front and have the ewes in back. It came to me there should be some device that would prevent unwanted breeding.”

Erickson first thought about protecting the ewes, then realized it would be much easier to keep a ram from breeding. He made several prototypes and eventually settled on a soft fabric shield that straps tightly under a ram’s body. He tested the final design on several rams and found it effective for any size animal.

Erickson says The Teaser is easy to attach using adjustable straps that fit over and around a ram’s body. They hold it securely in place if the ram is walking, running, laying down or mounting ewes. “My first priority was for the comfort of a ram and the second was to prevent any accidental breeding,” says Erickson. “Producers who’ve bought them say they work exactly as promised.”

Producing “The Teaser” has been a good complement to Erickson’s main business, New Frontier Genetics. He and his son offer artificial insemination and embryo transplant



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services for sheep, deer and goat producers. In 2014 they traveled more than 20,000 miles in 13 states to AI more than 1,300 deer. Erickson learned liposcopic semen collection and transplant techniques during specialized training in Australia. He started those services after working at Utah State University, where he ran the animal science farm.

Erickson says The Teaser is a very good

product for a producer trying to synchronize ewes. One of his customers was able to use The Teaser and AI to breed 200 ewes so the lambs were born in a one week period.

Erickson sells The Teaser for \$89.95 plus shipping.

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Skid Steer Tree Mulcher Clears Land Fast

Diamond Mowers of South Dakota is known for building tough forestry equipment, and their new cutting and mulching attachment for skid steers is no exception. The 5-ft. wide Forestry Head can saw through up to 24-in. trees and mulch 6-in. trees in minutes. Material is cut and ripped apart into 2-in. dia. pieces for quick decomposition.

The secret to its effectiveness are the 2 dozen planer knives mounted randomly at the center of the cutting dish. The design eliminates the dead zone found in typical blade-type mowers. Tooth holders are precision-located by machined holes in the rugged 5 ft. diameter cutting disk. Each tooth can be easily sharpened.

Diamond’s Marketing Director Mel Peterson says the new head mows brush right to the ground. A deflector shield adjusts to 3 positions to control where debris is deposited. Two different chutes are available for hardwoods or softwoods. The head weighs 2,240 lbs. and requires 32 to 40 gpm oil flow

for operation.

Outfitter and contractor Bruce Rossman says his Forestry Head cleans up any type of wood he encounters. He uses it for tree trimming, clearing and grinding. Rossman bought the head because he was looking for something different than a drum style head. “It’s probably the most efficient machine for grinding trees on the market today,” Rossman says. “It does a nice job of mulching the wood into small pieces. I totally recommend this attachment to anyone who wants to make money in the tree grinding business or to a farmer or rancher who has trails and land to clear.” The head has a suggested retail price of \$21,950.

Diamond also manufactures a rugged rotary mower that cuts up to 10-in. trees and brush. It has a reinforcing ring and a front rail that pushes material away from the machine to protect the operator. A smaller flail-type mower that has self-cleaning knives cuts 1 to 2-in. dia. brush.



The 5-ft. wide Forestry Head can saw through up to 24-in. dia. trees and mulch 6-in. trees. It’s fitted with 24 planer knives mounted randomly on dish.

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Golf ball mounts on a metal rod welded to top of wagon’s gate opener. Rod goes up through lip at top of wagon. When golf ball is above lip, Fratzke knows gate is open.

Golf Ball Indicator For Gravity Wagon Gates

“It’s an easy way to see whether the gate on my gravity wagon is open or closed,” says Harold Fratzke, about his homemade gravity wagon gate indicator.

“When you unload from the combine into the wagon, you can’t see if the gate has been left open. If it’s open you’re going to lose some grain on the ground.”

To give him a heads-up on the problem, Fratzke mounted a golf ball on a 3/8-in. dia.

metal rod that’s welded to the top of the gate opener. The rod goes up through the lip at the top of the wagon, so that the golf ball rides up or down as the gate is opened or closed. When the golf ball is down on top of the lip, Fratzke knows the gate is closed.

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Polish Seed Cleaner Comes To North America

Polish manufacturer Wlodzimierz Sosnowski and Leon Wysznski traveled half way around the world to introduce their seed cleaning invention to Canadian farmers at the Western Canada Farm Progress Show this summer, following excellent sales of more than 2,000 units in Europe. They hope to set up distributors and dealers in Canada.

Sosnowski says the device provides almost twice the cleaning quality of similar products now on the market. It uses centrifugal cleaning action to separate grain from trash. It can be used to clean grasses, small grains, rapeseed and corn. The ultra-clean grain is then available for storage, seeding, or in the case of corn, a clean fuel for corn burning furnaces. The machine is available in 5 sizes that clean from 250 to 9,300 bu. per hour. The smaller machines are designed for on-farm use while the larger machines are intended for commercial seed companies.



Polish seed cleaner uses centrifugal cleaning action to separate grain from trash.

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