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MACHINE TURNS TIRES INTO MONEY

Roof Shingles Made From Old Tires





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When Ferris Whidborne started cutting up old tires to pad the bottom of a boat trailer, the innovative English farmer quickly grew tired of cutting up the tough old treads by hand. In frustration, he designed a tire-cutting machine that cuts tires up into handy strips that he now uses to roof farm buildings.

FARM SHOW met Whidborne and saw his machine at the recent Royal Show in Stoneleigh, England, one of the world's premier farm shows. Reports on other new products and ideas from the show are featured inside this issue.

Whidborne's machine is unique in that it cuts out the tire beads and sidewalls, resulting in two round flat circles of rubber and a wide flat strip of tread that can be used for many jobs around the farm. The machine also provides a simple solution to the disposal problem posed by old tires.

"Nobody wants old tires because they're so difficult to dispose of. I recently had 80 tons of tires delivered (Continued on page 6)

Roof of Whidborne's show exhibit demonstrates how he uses tire strips to roof buildings. Machine cuts old car tires into three pieces — two bead rings and a flat strip.

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