

## “No Hydraulics” Big Bale Cutter

Levi Fisher devised the Quikut to slice big round bales for his dairy herd. Five years later, his first unit is still working great with only an occasional sharpening needed with a hand grinder.

“It’s practically maintenance-free,” says Fisher. “It has a grease zerk on a brass bushing, but it never spins, only turning slightly each time a bale is sliced.”

The Quikut consists of a sharpened disc coultter blade. The blade on its bushing is mounted to a tubular steel arm sized to slide over a skid steer or forklift fork.

“Just slide it on and a quick-attach pin locks it in place,” says Fisher. “Drive up to a bale and lower the arm. The down pressure alone is enough to slice through bales.”

Control provided by the down pressure makes it easy to adjust how much of the bale is sliced open. Fisher and his son Michael use it to slice bales into quarters for forking off layers for hand feeding or into a TMR mixer. Bales can be sliced open whether wrapped or unwrapped.

“We leave the plastic and net wrap on as we don’t use plastic on the ends,” says Fisher. “It slices right through the plastic and into the bale. If it hesitates on the plastic, we know we have a dull blade. It takes only a couple of minutes with a hand held grinder, and it’s good to go again.”

Fisher estimates having to sharpen the blade a couple of times a year. He has seen no other wear on his 5-year-old unit.

“I see no reason it won’t last another 20 years,” he says.

The Quikut is made locally, and Fisher ships them direct from his farm. The 52-lb. unit sells for \$295, plus shipping. While most sales to-date have been within Pennsylvania, he has shipped units to surrounding states and as far west as Missouri.

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Sharpened coultter mounted on a tubular steel arm slides over skid loader fork. Down pressure alone is enough to slice through bales.

## “Mega Splitter” Slices Bales, Retains Net Wrap

This new loader-mounted round bale splitter slices through round bales as they’re loaded in mixers.

“It cuts through bales like a hot knife through butter and holds onto net wrap so that you can release it in a convenient location and keep it out of your grinder. The bale falls away from the splitter in loose sections that are easy for a grinder-mixer to handle,” says Ken Sargent, Maxilator Equipment, LLC, Rockmart, Georgia. “It also works great to unload bales into feed rings, alleys and mixer wagons.”

The Maxilator Bale Splitter is designed to be used with skid loaders, telehandlers or loader tractors. It’s equipped with a pair of hinged metal arms at the top supporting a serrated angled blade, and a metal bar fitted with spears at the bottom. Located between them is a patent pending retractable hook system that grabs onto plastic or net wrap. The hooks work off a hydraulic sequence valve.

The operator raises the arms and places the forks under the bale to load it. He then pushes the blade down all the way through the bale so that it falls to the ground in layers. As the blade comes down, the hooks automatically pop out of a metal tube and

catch on the plastic or net wrap. The operator can then move to a different location and raise the blade all the way up, which causes the hooks to retract and automatically release the material.

“It saves a lot of time spent removing the plastic or net wrap by hand. And by spreading the hay out it reduces your feed grinding time by up to 50 percent,” says Sargent. “It works equally well with plastic or net wrap and will even remove twine from a bale. It works with any size bale, because as the bale is loaded it rolls backward and centers itself so that the bale always gets splits in half. It’s not designed for corn stalk bales or for big square bales.

“The unit is equipped with depth-of-cut adjustments in case you don’t want the blade to penetrate all the way through the bale. A bright yellow height gauge on back of the unit keeps the operator from raising the blade too high and prematurely releasing the plastic or net wrap.”

Suggested list price for the Maxilator Mega Splitter is \$7,250 plus S&H.

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Loader-mounted round bale splitter holds onto net wrap so you can release it in a convenient location and keep it out of your feed grinder.

## Land-Clearing Attachment Pulls, Digs, And Saws

If you can’t pull it out, you can always dig it out with the patent-pending Danuser Intimidator, a new design for a land-clearing attachment. With 21,000 lbs. of force it can pull out trees, shrubs and posts as well as saw or dig out boulders.

“We’ve been launching unique attachments in the last five years,” says Glenn Danuser, co-owner of Danuser. “We wanted to make it different.”

The Intimidator keeps the pulling power at the center with synchronized jaws that open up to 34 in. While smaller trees/shrubs can be pulled out with the jaws, the vertical saw teeth and excavator teeth on them turn it into an effective digger and cutter to dig out roots and the base of larger trees.

In testing prototypes, the Intimidator was used on a skidsteer as small as a 45 hp Case and as large as a 110 hp skidsteer. Using the

bigger skidsteer, a 40-ft. tall, 25-in. diameter oak tree was removed in 20 min.

“We always tell people that you can remove any tree on your farm with any size machine. When you can’t pull it, you can always dig. It will just take more time,” Danuser notes. Though skeptical about the claim, customers reported back that it is true.

The Intimidator is ideal for quickly removing invasive Autumn Olive and cedar trees, cleaning out fence rows, pulling fence posts, creating shooting lanes and clearing property for landscaping.

Retail price is just under \$3,000 for Intimidators sold through distributor/dealers. The Danuser website includes videos of the Intimidator in action.

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Intimidator’s synchronized jaws open to pull out smaller trees and shrubs. Vertical saw and excavator teeth can be used to dig out roots and the base of larger trees.