

Loader-Mounted Tee-Post[®] Driver Pulls Posts, Too

“We have sold our Tee-Post Driver in every state. Customers tell us time and time again that it has become one of their most valuable farm tools they own and that they can put in 60 posts or more in an hour,” says Mike Zweifel, inventor (www.bucketdriver.com), about his Tee-Post Driver System that hangs from a loader bucket and can also be used to pull posts.

If you hate the thought of putting up fence with tee-posts, then you owe it to yourself to check out the Tee-Post Driver. Whether you’re old or young, it’s a good investment for your farm or ranch operation.

The only way to find the company’s products is on the web at www.bucketdriver.com. So you are going to have to bite the bullet and ask your wife for help to get on the internet. We feel your pain. It won’t hurt for long. You can also call Mike at 1-580-747-9288 and he will help you.

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Tee-Post driver hangs from loader bucket. Post slips into driver barrel, which swings freely on swivel, allowing gravity to align posts. By inserting a pin to lock onto fencepost notch, posts can be pulled quickly with driver.

See a video on YouTube. Search “Bucketdriver 2010”



KATS Co. builds single and double-row, 3-pt. mounted planters. Photo shows a single-row no-till planter.

KATS Company

Innovator Mark Wilson of the KATS Company builds single and double-row planters along with other specialized equipment. His single row 3-pt. hitch planter features a 7000 Deere row unit mounted onto a 3-pt. hitch frame. It’s available with a Cat 0, I or II hitch, operates with a self-contained dual wheel drive system and is set to plant at 29,000 seeds per acre. Other populations are available on the unit, which is priced at \$995 plus freight. A two row 3-pt. model is available for \$1,395.

Wilson also produces a single-row unit no-till planter, with a larger frame that can be weighted to help the no-till coulter penetrate the soil. This unit sells for \$1,395 plus freight. For producers who don’t have a tractor with a 3-pt., Wilson builds the single-row unit mounted on 2 wheels with a hitch and a cable-type lift. This unit also sells for \$1,395. The same cart setup with an actuator lift that operates with 12-volt battery power is also available. Call for pricing.

The company also builds a hydraulic dump kit for a Deere MC519 material collection system. Wilson says it’s easy to install into a new or used cart without modifying the frame. Cost is \$395 plus shipping. A similar power dump kit is available for the older 1993 through 2004 4 by 2 and 6 by 4 Deere Gators. Cost is \$495 plus shipping.

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Lynn Leavitt with his “Pac-it” bale wrap compactor. Plunger attached to front-end loader compresses plastic as it’s added to wooden box. Tied-off plastic bale is shown at left.

Simple Compactor Bales Up Used Plastic

Anybody with some wood and a front-end loader can bale up loose agricultural plastic Lynn Leavitt’s way. The Ontario farmer compacts bale wrap, grain bags and other plastic with his “Pac-it” bale wrap compactor.

“I’ve considered selling the plans, but it’s so simple that I can’t patent it,” says Leavitt, who sells Pac-its to farmers in his area.

The Pac-it consists of a wooden box with slats on the inside and a frame on the outside. It is open on both ends and sized to fit over a standard wooden shipping pallet. Leavitt uses a plunger attached to his front-end loader to compress plastic as it is added to the box. The plunger is simply a wooden pallet sized to fit inside the interior of the box.

Once the box is full of compacted plastic, the bale is tied off with the plunger pressing on it. Tie bands can be placed inside the box before the plastic is inserted. They also can be pulled over and under the completed bale

with a rod Leavitt provides.

“Once the bale has been tied off, the operator slips two 2 by 4’s through the slats of the box and over the plunger and lifts the box off the bale,” explains Leavitt.

While many areas in the U.S. have no market for used agricultural plastics, Canada does. Leavitt says the 900-lb. bales can be stored, transported and recycled. He and others using his compactors are selling their bales to Tri-County Plastics, a local recycler. Owner Doug LeBlanc estimates that clean, used bale wrap has a value of 4 to 6 cents per pound.

Leavitt estimates having about \$400 in material costs for his compactor. He sells them for \$500 locally. He notes that orders from outside his local area would also include shipping costs.

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