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Wire Winder Attaches To Post Hole Auger

Erecting new wire fence or cleaning up old fence wire has become easier thanks to the Python Wire Winder from Danuser.

Owners Glenn and Janea Danuser build and market the wire winder at their Fulton, Mo., shop.

The Python Wire Winder attaches to any hydraulically-powered auger drive on a tractor or skid steer with a 2-in. hexagon mounting system fitting a 2-in. output shaft. The roller is capable of handling up to 3/4 of a mile of 12-ga. barbed wire or 6 miles of 14-ga. smooth wire. For safety reasons, it's not adapted for a pto drive system.

"Having it on a tractor or skid steer allows you to tilt it back and forth to maintain a nice wrap," says Shawn Spence, Danuser Customer Service Representative. "The ideal method of keeping tension on the wire and achieving a nice tight wind is to use a weight like a logging chain on the end to provide the required resistance."

The Winder is made up of two pieces that separate by pulling a small pin, allowing the

wire to be removed.

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"The unroller is completely toolless no matter what you're doing with it," Spence says. "The retainer pin is self-locking, so you don't have to have a ratchet or wrench." Danuser doesn't sell direct to the public but uses a distribution system with dealerships having the final say on equipment prices.

The MSRP estimates for the complete Python Wire Winder are approximately \$560 and the Python Unroller around \$420 including the mounting arm.

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Program Helps Injured Ag Workers

AgrAbility, a Georgia-based extension program, aims to provide information, resources and services to qualifying agricultural workers to help them remain in the field after injuries.

In Ga. alone, an estimated 25,000 to 35,000 agriculture workers have experienced physical, sensory or cognitive disabilities that compromise their ability to do their jobs. AgrAbility aims to give these workers a second chance through modifications that meet their ability levels.

AgrAbility acts as an intermediary between these farmers and the resources available to help them.

The program provides information about education opportunities, refers qualifying workers to agencies, and helps distribute available resources. This may include securing funds for assistive technology such as all-terrain wheelchairs or organizing community workgroups for building onsite modifications like raised beds at accessible heights.

When you sign up for the program, an AgrAbility Service Coordinator will visit your worksite, assess the challenges in the current operation, and suggest where to make changes. They will then develop a plan for making the transition. In many cases, restructuring the workload or investing in labor-saving technology can keep farmers active in their current operations. As one example, AgrAbility helped a chicken farmer transition from performing local deliveries to a shipping model when glaucoma compromised his eyesight and ability to drive.

While there are no fees associated with



AgrAbility works to help injured agriculture workers find ways to continue working through assistive technology and other services.

AgrAbility services, the program does not have funds to provide directly to the farmer. If the farmer has a financial need, AgrAbility staff can help them apply for outside funding to cover the costs of assistive technology and worksite modifications. Occasionally, farmers can receive custom equipment built at Farm Again's workshop at the Tifton campus, so long as they cover the cost of materials.

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Heavy-Duty Mailbox Keeps Mail Safe

Furniture maker David Bolles added locking security mailboxes to his company's manufactured products after having mail stolen three times from his mailbox. Beyond deterring mail thieves, his Mail Boss models also provide a solution for rural folks who deal with vandalism.

"They have heavier steel construction, 14 and 16-ga. steel, and have plastic flags that are more flexible and vandal resistant," says Mike Berube, who works in product development for Bolles's company, Epoch Design.

"Designed with heavy-duty electrogalvanized steel, the Mail Boss is impervious to the teenager with a baseball bat and even cars hitting it," adds Jon Nordin, operations manager. "Getting hit by a car can take it off the post, but the box will be fine."

Nothing special is required to mount the mailbox - an existing post works. Mount the plate on the post and slide the box in. The most popular curbside mailbox is the Mail Boss (\$199), which weighs 40 lbs. and has a slot big enough to accept a box of checks and packages with prescription medicine. The Mail Manager, a smaller version sells for \$125.

Like other models for larger packages and wall-mounted boxes, the boxes all have patented anti-pry latch locking mechanisms,



Mail Boss mailbox is made from heavy gauge powder-coated electrogalvanized steel that locks to keep mail safe from theft or vandalism.

an anti-fishing design and anti-pick lock.

Mail Boss offers the powder-coated boxes in black, white, bronze and wood grain and has a line of accessories including steel to match the box that slips over a 4 by 4 post.

Nordin notes that Mail Boss stands behind its products and offers a limited lifetime warranty.

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Boss V-Plow XT uses a skid-plate mount and can adjust up to 30 degrees.

ATV/UTV Hydraulic V-Plow

The 245-lb. V-Plow XT from BOSS Products uses a skid-plate style mounting system that bolts directly to the frame of the machine, and can V-plow, scoop, windrow or straight plow your snow with your ATV or mid-size UTV. Hydraulic cylinders adjust moldboard halves independently to just the angle you want.

Retract both cylinders and ends move back 30 degrees for a 58 1/2-in. wide V-plow action or tip both forward 30 degrees for a 56 3/4-in. snow scoop. Angle the full blade up to 30 degrees and windrow a 57 1/8-in. swath to one side. Straighten to push the full width of the 66-in. moldboard blade and then tip the blade upward as much as 30 degrees at the end of the run for effective snow stacking.

Blades are 18 3/8-in. high on the insides and 23 3/16-in. high on the outside and flared forward to send snow away from the ATV/UTV. Blades are equipped with protective curb guards and a full blade tripping mechanism.

The 14-ga. steel blade skin on each moldboard half is reinforced with four vertical ribs and one diagonal rib on each half. The ribs are welded to the skin and a rectangular steel bottom panel. The steel panel also reinforces the steel cutting edges on the moldboard.

"Hydraulic cylinders (1 1/2-in. bore, 6

1/4-in. stroke) that adjust the moldboard halves are pinned to the bottom panel," says Steinbrecher. "A third hydraulic cylinder (1.77-in. bore with 4.5-in. stroke) lifts the full blade."

The enclosed hydraulic system is powered by its own electric pump tied into the 4-wheeler's electrical system. It has a maximum draw of 124 amps at 1200 psi. It's fixed to the plow and attaches and detaches with it.

The hydraulics can be controlled on an ATV by a push bar on the handle, with one tab for each cylinder. UTVs can use the BOSS SmartTouch 2 keypad.

Prices may vary slightly by dealer for the V-Plow XT. However, online distributor www.crystalltruck.com lists the ATV V-XT for \$3,694. The mid-size UTV V-XT is listed at \$3,841. All prices are without assembly.

A 6-ft., 6-in. V-XT is available for full-size UTVs. It is priced at \$4,221 and requires a sub-frame-style mounting system. A universal UTV push beam bolts to the subframe.

Mounting systems are manufactured by BOSS and are machine-specific.

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