

The spray-on stimulant comes in 80 gram aerosol cans. Retails for \$7.95 per can, enough to treat 40 sows.

#### **ELIMINATES NEED FOR TEASER BOARS**

## New Breeding Aid for Sows

A new breeding stimulant, said to be the world's first aphrodisiac for swine, has been introduced by the Swine Improvement Division of AWC, Inc., of Clear Lake, Iowa. Called Boar Mate, the spray-on stimulant virtually insures exact timing for insemination of sows, according to Sam Kennedy, president of AWC.

He explains that Boar Mate contains synthetically produced androgen steroids, the compounds emitted naturally by boars to stimulate sows during breeding.

"When a good boar costs up to \$1,500 or more, it's good to know that his services are being used at the exact time for maximum conception," says Kennedy. "Boar Mate costs only a few dollars a can and eliminates the need for teaser boars, saving time and expense in breeding."

The stimulant comes in 80 gram aerosol cans and is applied by spraying to the sow's snout for two seconds at a distance of two feet. If the sow or gilt is ready for mating, she will react positively to a "back pressure" test, explains Kennedy.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup. Swine Improvement Division, AWC, Inc., 2150 4th Ave., Clear Lake, Iowa 50428 (ph 515 357-7151).

### TURNS HILLSIDE INTO RETAINING WALL OR GARDEN

## "Hold-A-Hill" Planter Blocks

Now you can turn unusuable, steep hillsides into productive, decorative gardens that also serve as retaining walls with Hold-A-Hill planter blocks from Hold-A-Hill of America, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Hold-A-Hill blocks are interlocking "V"-shaped blocks that are stacked along hillsides or around buildings and then back-filled with dirt. The blocks are made of precast concrete that won't decay or become infested with insects that could invade your home," says M.C. Frehner, company president.

The basic block is 12 in. high, 36 in. wide and weighs 80 lbs. Blocks are set in level rows, at an angle of 51° to the horizontal, with each row set back 10 in. from the row below it. They interlock, forming diamond-shaped planting spaces.

"They're lightweight so they can

be carried into place without heavy equipment. Most anyone can learn how to install them and do a professional job," says Frehner.

Special corner blocks are available to turn an entire terraced hillside at an angle of 30, 60 or 90°, enabling retaining walls to go around a hill, or into a cove.

Frehner says the blocks can be used as raised bases around lamp posts, as window wells for basement windows, to line ditches and streams and in any location where controlling erosion is important, along with many other uses.

Hold-A-Hill blocks retail for \$5.00 each. Dealer inquiries welcome.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, M.C. Frehner, Hold-A-Hill of America, P.O. Box 1594, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115 (ph 303 986-7421).



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#### SNAP TOGETHER BELTING ADJUSTS TO ANY LENGTH

# Make Your Own V-Belts With Easy-To-Use kit

An emergency fan belt that fits any vehicle and can be installed in seconds with no special tools is new from Farnam Equipment Co., Phoenix, Ariz.

It's a piece of tough, thick-walled polyethylene belting 56 in. long and comes with a brass splice embedded in one end. To install, you simply thread the belt around the pulleys to measure the exact length. Then, cut off the excess, push the metal splice into the other end of the belt, and stretch it over the pulleys.

The whole operation can be done in less than 5 min. without loosening or removing parts from the car.



"It'll give at least 1,000 miles of continuous service, plus it's reusable," says Bill Remias, sales manager.

How about carrying similar but longer and heavier duty belting to the field to keep combines and other equipment rolling in case a belt breaks?

"We can supply the belting in longer lengths and heavier stock if there's a demand for it," Remias told FARM SHOW. "Although we haven't tested it specifically on combines, I see no reason why it wouldn't do the job. You can run an idler or drive pulley against the back side."

The snap-together feature of the

new-style belting may be just what you're looking for if you've got a particular V-belt that's in a tight spot and almost impossible to replace without dismantling the machine or 'drive motor. With snap-together belting, you can thread the belt into position, then snap it together without having to remove outboard bearings, or having to tilt, reset or move the drive motor.

The 56 in. length Emergency Fan Belt sells for \$9.95.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Box 21447, Phoenix, Ariz. 85036.