

New Products Keep Calves Toasty Warm

“Cozy Caps”

“Frostbitten ears on calves are no longer a problem for us since my sister-in-law Jo and I came up with ‘Cozy Caps’ to protect calves’ ears,” says GERALYN JOHNSON, Ambrose, N. Dak.

The one-piece ear protectors are made from a poly-fleece blanket material that fastens onto an elastic halter. Velcro straps are used to secure the halter under the chin and over the nose.



“We put them on as soon as the calf is born - before it’s even dry - and leave them on for a day or two until the calf toughens up. Even if the calf’s ears have already been frozen, we can usually save them by having it wear the caps for a week or two,” says Johnson.

Sells for \$8 plus \$1 S&H. Additional halters sell for 75 cents apiece.

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“Calf Cozies”

A Wisconsin dairywoman who didn’t like the canvas calf blankets on the market designed her own blankets to keep newborn calves toasty warm.

Anna Zettle, of Monroe, makes “Calf



Cozies” from terry cloth and a double layer of soft flannel, with the terry cloth on the outside and the flannel on the inside, next to the calf. Two designs are available. One model slips over the calf’s head and snaps around the animal’s hind legs. The other model snaps together in front to accommodate bigger calves (up to 2 1/2 months old).

“I’ve used some of them on my own calves for three years now and they’re still in good shape,” says Zettle. “The fabric is pre-shrunk so it’s machine washable and dryable.”

Available in red, burgundy, forest green, kelly green, black, royal blue, and dark blue.

She also came up with a “hock wrap” to protect bruised and swollen hocks on cattle.

“I came up with the idea when some of our cows and first-calf heifers developed swollen hocks from being in the barn all winter.”



Calf Cozies and the hock wrap each sell for \$36.75 plus \$4 S&H.

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Pickup-Powered Calf Warmer

This new portable calf warmer and dryer slides into your pickup bed and operates off the vehicle’s heating system, allowing you



to warm and dry newborn calves right in your pasture.

“It can thoroughly dry a calf in less than two hours,” says inventor Jerry Wilson, Malta, Montana. “It can hold up to three newborn calves at a time.”

The cylinder-shaped “Wilson Warmer” is made from hard plastic and is 3 ft. wide, long, and high. It mounts on steel skids and is equipped with a 20,000 btu water heater and blower at one end and a clear plexiglass door at the other end. The heater is connected by quick coupler hoses to the pickup’s water heater and is controlled by a thermostat that operates off the pickup battery. The blower, also operated by the pickup battery, circulates warm air under and around the animal.

Sells for \$795 including heater hoses. A 4-ft. model is also available that sells for \$895.

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Fold-out cleats are 10 in. wide and 5 in. high. They mount on 2-WD, 4-WD, or front wheel assist tractors with 26, 32, 38, or 42-in. dia. wheels.

TRACTION-BOOSTING DYNA-BITE CLEATS

“Better Than Tracks”

Before you spend \$25,000 to \$30,000 on Caterpillar-style tractor tracks, take a close look at Dyna-Bite cleats that mount on the rear tires.

“They provide many of the same benefits as tracks yet, at \$5,850 per set, cost about one-fourth as much,” says Tod Granryd, inventor.

What’s more, a set of Dyna-Bite cleats on your tractor can quickly and easily be transferred to your combine.

“They’ll about double the pulling power of your tractor or combine,” says Granryd. “They provide as much or more traction as front wheel drive assist, yet are much more economical.”

“And they’re not just for mud or snow,” emphasizes Granryd. “For normal fall or spring tillage, Dyna-Bite cleats will increase drawbar pull up to 40%, and increase traction up to 100% or more. In mud or snow, the benefits increase ten to twenty-fold.”

The fold-out cleats, first featured in FARM SHOW three years ago, are 10 in. wide and 5 in. high. They hinge on four pieces of sturdy 1 1/8-in. dia. wire rope - each piece

running within tubes around the perimeter of the wheel - that act as giant flexible springs, allowing the cleats to flex.

The cleats are arranged in four groups, with four cleats per group. It takes only a minute or two to manually fold the cleats in or out and is normally done only once or twice a day.

“With the patented Dyna-Bite system, you can reduce soil compaction by removing the ballast weight and you need not buy new tires - the worn ones will do nicely as long as they hold air - because the cleats do the pulling and take the beating,” notes Granryd.

Dyna-Bite cleats mount on 2-WD, 4-WD, or front wheel assist tractors with 26, 32, 38, or 42-in. dia. wheels.

Granryd has sold Dyna-Bite tracks to farmers all over North America. One set even went to the Philippines. He’s also interested in hearing from manufacturers interested in securing rights to the product.

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Macrame Lawn Chairs Made With Custom Colors, Logos

You can sit in style in these macrame lawn chairs made by Roger and Heather Orr of Woodlawn, Ontario.

“We can use any logo or design that you want,” says Roger. “We make them Deere green, Ford blue, Cat yellow, Massey-Ferguson red, and so on. The colors are as close to authentic as possible. We also do a lot of chairs with sports team logos and colors.

“We buy macrame cord made from pre-woven polypropylene thread and weave it into the frame of the aluminum chair. The chairs are 24 in. wide and 30

in. high at the back. They’re stronger than conventional lawn chairs because they’re specially made without any punched holes in the sides where conventional webbing is attached. We wind the cord around the frames and use a cigarette lighter to fuse the ends of the cords together.”

The chairs sell for \$50 to \$90 depending on the intricacy of the design and number of colors.

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