

Editors choose farm show favorites

By FARM PROGRESS STAFF

FOUR Farm Progress editors descended upon the 2008 Farm Progress Show near Boone, Iowa, uncovering more than 125 new products. Here are eight favorite items, two from each editor. Criteria for picking them were as unique as the editors themselves, but no coin tosses were allowed.

Editors covering products were Tom J. Bechman, *Indiana Prairie Farmer*; Josh Flint, *Prairie Farmer*; Pam Golden, *Southern Farmer*; and Lon Tonneson, *Dakota Farmer*.

Lon's loves

Red giant: "It's the biggest combine with the highest horsepower in North America," says Case IH's Leo Bose of the company's new Axial Flow 9120. It has



CASE IH AXIAL FLOW 9120

483 hp, 523 max hp and a 350-bushel grain tank. It is powered by a Case IH 12.9-liter Cursor 13 engine.

The combine is equipped with a single rotor, continuous variable transmission drive and rotor reversing technology.

Price is not yet set. Call 887-4CASEIH or visit www.caseih.com/na.



DYNAMIC DITCHER WOLVERINE

Big bite: Maintain or create a field ditch in one pass with the soil-throwing Wolverine from Dynamic Ditcher.

Built by a Canadian farm family, the Wolverine scrapes like a conventional ditcher and throws like a snowblower. It has a 5-foot-wide cutting blade that can cut 2 to 6 inches deep at speeds of 1 to 4 mph. Power takeoff driven, it spreads soil evenly 150 feet on either side. It



BLUFF RIDGE FT-500 LIQUID TENDER

weighs 9,000 pounds, and is 24 feet long, 8 feet wide and 6 feet tall. A minimum of 220 hp is needed, with 300 hp optimum.

Suggested retail is \$36,000. Call Dynamic Ditchers Inc., Oakbank, Manitoba, Canada, at 204-444-4507 or visit www.dynamicditchers.com.

Pam's picks

Rock ready: The Blu-Jet No-Skip Strip-Till Row Unit is an optional add-on. List prices for sealers and residue managers are \$300 and \$250 per row, respectively. The remarkable tool rolls over rocks without creating mounds of residue or poorly sealed spots in the row. This equipment does what strip-till managers need: gets a field off to a good start.

How does this unit figure into fuel

costs? Ask a strip-till manager how many times he or she runs over the field as compared to a conventional-tillage manager. This unit helps keep strip till viable in rocky fields.

Call Blu-Jet, Smithfield, R.I., at 800-658-3127 or visit www.blu-jet.com.

Fuel on the spot: One way to save money and time is to carry refills to the field at starting time. The Bluff Ridge FT-500 Liquid Tender hauls fuel, water or any other liquid. Keep equipment circling the fields rather than running back and forth for fuel.

Standard features make this one tough barrel: heavy 10-gauge steel with internal baffle, tank end gauge, plus a 5,000-pound tandem trailer. Call Bluff



BLU-JET NO-SKIP STRIP-TILL ROW UNIT

