

# GIZMOS & GADGETS

## Products for use on farms, ranches or feedlots

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### ▶▶▶ Portable chute

Western South Dakota rancher Terry Kudlock shared a ranch invention his family has subsequently started marketing. The commercial cow-calf operation, which uses all Angus bulls by the way, is a large operation spread out over some territory.



EZ Load Chute

Instead of dragging a traditional wheeled chute a long ways through traffic, three years ago they invented a model that loads on a bale bed. It worked so well, they got it patented and worked with a

manufacturer to begin selling the EZ Load Chute within the last year.

The chute fits any bale bed and features adjustable connectors for easy loading.

For more information, including video of the product in use, visit <https://bit.ly/FebABBg1>.

### ▶▶▶ Safely catch that calf

Not a new product, but one prime to highlight for calving season is the Safety Zone Calf Catcher, a cage of high-quality, all-welded-construction that guards cattlemen from an often protective mother when handling her calf. The catcher can be mounted to any ATV (400 cc or larger recommended) or UTV. A walk-through opening provides easy access to the calf in the cage.

A calf holder/carrier is a standard and popular feature that enables easier handling and transport.

The catcher can be ordered to



Safety Zone Calf Catcher

mount on your particular model of ATV or UTV and can be outfitted with a Weigh-Tronix or Tru-Test digital scale to collect birth weights.

For video of the product in action and to find a dealer near you, visit [www.safetyzonecalfcatchers.com](http://www.safetyzonecalfcatchers.com).

### ▶▶▶ Stop the sweat

Wearing a hat while doing laborious, active work in the ag and farming industry can leave workers drenched in sweat, even in chillier temperatures, and with a smelly hat at the end of the day. NoSweat has created a disposable performance liner for hats, hard hats, cowboy

hats, visors and face shields that absorbs sweat instantly while preventing odors, stains, acne and the constant need to stop and wipe your brow with a dirty and possibly germ-laden towel, shirt sleeve or hand.

For additional information visit <https://nosweatco.com/>.



### ▶▶▶ On-farm pregnancy test

IDEXX Laboratories introduces a new whole-blood, on-farm pregnancy test for bovine animals. The Alertys® OnFarm Pregnancy Test empowers cattle producers to find open, costly animals on their time with results available within minutes to make management decisions.

Many farms are located in rural areas where access to a veterinarian can be limited. This product offers farmers and ranchers the opportunity to take control of their reproduction program. Improving calving intervals through earlier

### ▶▶▶ Add value to deer herd

KE Feeds recently launched the Rack Elite® deer nutrition product line. Derived from dried distillers' grains, the product is available in pellets or convenient tubs. The highly digestible, molasses-free, high-protein product improves rumen efficiency and promotes rack growth and overall herd health in four unique formulations.

DT104 is specifically formulated to attract wild deer. It is nutritionally balanced with 100% organic trace minerals and 26% highly digestible protein to improve herd health and provide necessary nutrition for bucks to reach their genetic rack development potential, to improve rumen efficiency and to stimulate natural insect deterrent.

DT104 Plus, with the same formulation as DT104, has the added benefit of vasodilator compounds that facilitate efficient nutrient

absorption and relief from stress resulting from excessive heat.

DT105 is a super sweet blend of corn and distillers' grains formulated with 20% protein. Added carbohydrates increase herd attraction. Vitamins and minerals deliver sustained nutrition.

Tubs are ideal for extended feeding cycles.

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KE Feeds, a subsidiary of Kansas Ethanol, uses dried distillers' grains to formulate superior nutritional feed products for cattle, equine and deer. For a dealer listing, go to [www.KEFeds.com](http://www.KEFeds.com).



Alertys OnFarm Pregnancy Test

testing and more regular checking of females that are suspect can increase herd productivity and profitability.

Additionally, more emphasis is being placed on improving worker and veterinarian safety with this efficient and easy-to-use test. The Alertys OnFarm Pregnancy Test is simple to use, requires minimal training, and produces efficient and accurate results animal-side.

Additional advantages include:

- ▶ Reduces animal handling and stress;
- ▶ Whole-blood (EDTA) sampling, so no equipment needed;
- ▶ Results in minutes with pregnant results as soon as five minutes; and

- ▶ Find open animals early with 99.7% accuracy.

Alertys's OnFarm Pregnancy Test is available to purchase nationwide at many local animal health distributors. View the list at <https://bit.ly/FebABBg2> for more information.

### ▶▶▶ John Deere updates the 6R portfolio

John Deere has updated its 6R Tractor lineup and added the new 6R 140 and 6R 165 models. The 6R 140 gives customers a fourth choice in the 110- to 140-hp small-frame class, while the 6R165 adds a third model to the mid-frame lineup of 145- to 165-hp tractors. With power bulge and Intelligent Power Management, the 6R 140 and 6R 165 Tractors deliver up to 166 and 212 maximum hp in tough conditions, such as heavy transport, PTO, or hydraulic applications.

Livestock producers who demand more information and greater machine efficiency can add the optional new John Deere Loader Technology Package that's ideal for

feeding livestock or using pallet forks. The package includes the reconfigurable loader control handle with an integrated reverser, so operators can set their preferences and easily manage the direction of the tractor at the touch of a button. When equipped with the optional large hydraulic pump, cycle times are improved compared to previous models and help operators do more work in less time.

The Loader Technology Package includes a Dynamic Weighing System (DWS), along with Level to

Horizon (LTH) and Return to Position (RTP) features. DWS can weigh loads on the go vs. needing the tractor to be stopped while doing so or needing a feeder wagon scale.

Using LTH, operators can quickly level an attachment parallel to the ground to avoid spilling material while traveling across uneven ground.

RTP automatically returns the loader to a predefined boom and bucket position for fast, easy loading of material at repeated heights such as a feed wagon or trailer bed.

For more on the expanded lineup of new 6R Series Tractor, visit [www.JohnDeere.com](http://www.JohnDeere.com) or your local John Deere dealer. |



John Deere 6R 165 tractor

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