Double D Family Mat Shop introduces Sled 'n Sling

A helpful way to move non-ambulatory cattle

The creator of the Double D Cattle Mat has created an innovative new product used to assist cattlemen in humanely transporting a non-ambulatory animal after a fall.

The patent-pending Double D Sled 'n Sling is a sixfoot by eight-foot solid rubber sheet that is a half-inch thick. It has a lifting bar and chain loops on each end.

Move a downed cow by rolling the animal onto the rubber sling, and either pull the sling out of the area as a sled or lift it up as a sling using a skid-steer loader. We recommend putting a halter on the cow to secure their head to their hock so they can't flop their head and injure their eye, ear or jaw.

The simple design makes the Sled 'n Sling easier to use and store than other cattle carrying assemblies.

"[The Sled 'n Sling] is light enough to be easily positioned and provides tie down areas so that an animal can be moved without worry of additional injury," said Dee Griffin, DVM, of the University of Nebraska – Lincoln's Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center.

This product is the latest invention from Dale Goetz of Park, Kan., who created the original Double D Cattle Mat in 1995 to protect livestock in his own feedlot from potentially costly injury in slick heavy loading and processing areas. The Double D Cattle Mat is a woven mat made from reclaimed tires that cuts falls by nearly 100-percent and has been endorsed by Temple Grandin.

For more information please visit slednsling.com or call 1-888-377-2879.

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Farm people and their behavioral health caregivers need to be aware of the differences in CMIs and personality disorders for farm people and the general population.

Next week's article will be devoted to the most common behavioral health issues of farm people, which are stress-related and usually manageable.



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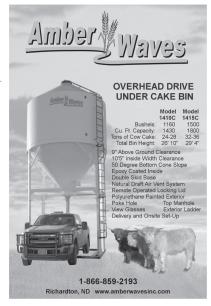
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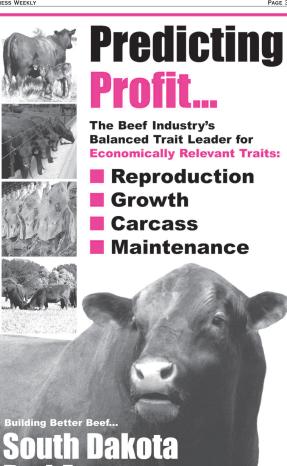


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Sioux Empire Red Angus Show & Sale Sioux Falls, SD • Thursday, January 28, 2016 9:30 AM Show • 2:00 PM Sale

Black Hills Stock Show & Sale

Rapid City, SD • Thursday, February 4, 2016 8:30 AM Show • 1:00 PM Sale

Watertown Winter Red Angus Show & Sale Watertown, SD • Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:00 AM Show • 1:00 PM Sale

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