

while it is in motion. This might be achieved with additional structural members, or by changing the relationship of bales within the stack. I also have an idea for an inexpensive attachment to our front-end loader, which would make it easier to lift and stack the big pallets.

**10. Using the Practice.** We were very pleased with the results of our experiment with the hay-lifter and plan to continue to use it and to modify it in accordance with our findings. It had all of the benefits we anticipated in time and labor savings. It was much easier than a hay wagon to back into a shed, and easier to load by hand. The system is potentially far more flexible than traditional hay storage options. We hope to build on this technology to improve the overall management of our farm.

**11. Outreach.** We presented the system in a workshop at the NOFA summer conference. Our outline, slides, and attendee feedback are attached. Because we got such a late start in a dreadful haymaking year, we were unable to conduct a twilight meeting, although a number of farmers have seen or discussed the system with us informally. We hope to share the idea with more farmers through articles and demonstrations in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

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