



# Big Bale Feeders

*Pays for itself in 1 year!*



## WirePanel Big Bale Features:

- 4 head-holes per panel.
- Folds flat—easy to store and move.
- Adult sheep can't get inside it.
- Average of 40 ewes per 6 panel feeder is advised. (Too many ewes will cause fighting for access.) 1200 lb hay bale should last about 5 days.
- More durable than feeders made with farm-store wire panels.
- Adapts to most bale sizes or shapes.
- Not for use with cattle, horses or horned animals.
- Ships to you by UPS™/Spee-Dee™.
- Most need 5–7 panels.

## Can pay for itself in 1 year...

Calculating the lost \$\$ due to wasted hay provides a picture of the relative value of a big bale hay feeder.

Assume 40 ewes eat 5 lbs of hay for 165 days. Assume hay costs \$140/ton (7¢/lb).

	Wastage %	Wasted Hay \$\$
Big Bale Feeder	10%	\$231
Other Feeders	25%	\$577

**So, the \$346 difference pays for a Premier feeder—in only 1 year!**

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## Simple steps to install

### 1. Panels are easy to carry and store

They can be carried or dragged short distances by hand (6 panel size weighs 106 lbs), transported by ATV and stored out of the way. Unlike most other big bale feeders, Premier's wire panel feeders stack flat.

### 2. Adding a round bale

Use a tractor or loader to place a round bale onto either of its flat ends. Remove all outer twine, plastic or netting. Be careful to prevent the "freed" hay from unwinding. Remove any outer spoiled hay with a pitch fork and scatter it as bedding.

### 3. Joining panels with wire hinges

Join all panels with wire connector hinges. For 6 panels you need 5 connector hinges. Once joined we rarely remove the hinges. Wrap the panel "system" around the bale. Connect the last opening with 2 snap clips (not included).

### 4. Allow animals access to bale

Sheep can't reach the core of a 6 ft diameter bale (but they can a 4 ft diameter bale). So after they eat in to the core, we reduce the size (by hand or fork). Then we roll the core onto its side (while still inside the feeder).

### 5. The end of bale

If possible fold the panels toward the center to make the shape of a double triangle. This allows the sheep to completely clean up the bale.

## How many panels, hinges and clips are needed for a bale?

- 4 ft dia. bale: 5 panels, 4 hinges, 2 clips
- 5 ft dia. bale: 6 panels, 5 hinges, 2 clips
- 6 ft dia. bale: 7 panels, 6 hinges, 2 clips

### Connector Hinge

Attaching one panel to another with a Connector Hinge. They literally screw themselves into place when the top of the connector is twisted. We rarely remove a connector after it's in place.



### Snap Clip

Use Snap Clips to connect the two open ends of the panels together.



Connector Hinge



Snap Clip



Join all panels with wire connector hinges. Wrap the panel "system" around the bale. To complete the feeder, bring the 2 ends together and securing them with 2 snap clips.



**End result**—how the feeder and bale should look when it is eaten down. Note the double triangle shape. This is the most stable shape. It allows full animal access to all of the remnants of the bale. It requires assistance to ensure that this shape occurs.