

Build Your Own Feeders

Double-sided or Single-sided using Premier's panels!



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Premier's Double-Sided Feeder

For large sheep and rams

Material List

Obtain necessary material—approximately \$165 total.

1. From Premier

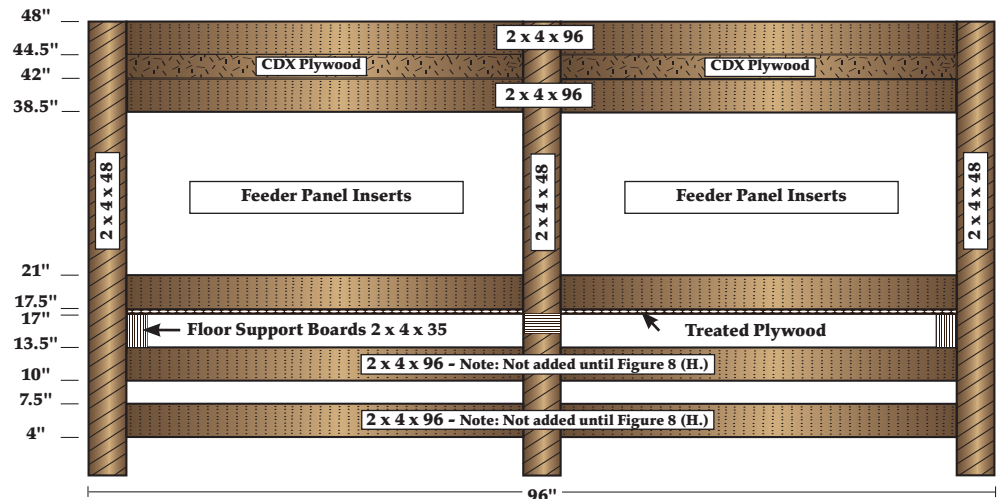
- Four 24" x 48" Feeder Inserts at \$21 ea. Item #966000.
- 6 barbed staples per panel Item #360220 (bag of 6).

2. From local sources

- Twelve 2 x 4 x 8' (horizontals)—\$40
- Six 2 x 4 x 48" (vertical legs); treated—\$15
- Two 2 x 4 x 35" floor supports—\$3
- One 2 x 4 x 32" center floor support—\$2 (not pictured).
- 2/3 sheet 1/2" treated plywood floor cut into two 32" x 48" pieces—\$20
- One third sheet of 1/2" CDX plywood cut into two 8" x 96" pieces—\$20
- Approximately 80 16d nails and 50 1-1/2" roofing nails, or 80 2-1/2" decking screws and 50 1-1/2" sheeting screws (not pictured).



Figure 1 - Final Side View



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B. Cut wood to correct lengths & widths.

C. Assemble a vertical feeder side. We use a separate 4' x 8' sheet of plywood to provide a flat, clean working surface with pre-squared edges. To save time we pre-mark the plywood where the three pieces of vertical legs should lay.

- Take each 48" long treated 2 x 4 and lay it flat in front of you. Use a ruler, a pencil and a square to mark the following points on it where the lower edges of the horizontal 2 x 4s will cross it: 4"; 10"; 17.5"; 38.5" and 44.5". **Figures 1, 2 & 3** illustrate this positioning. To save time, we lay all six legs beside each other in a row and mark them all at once.

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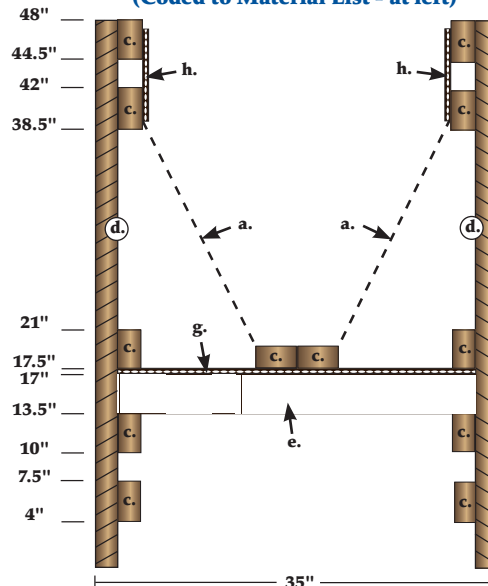
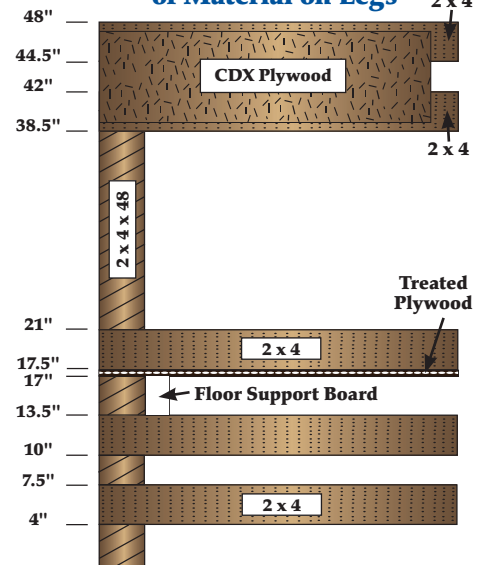


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I. Carefully turn the feeder right side up to fit the feeder inserts in place.

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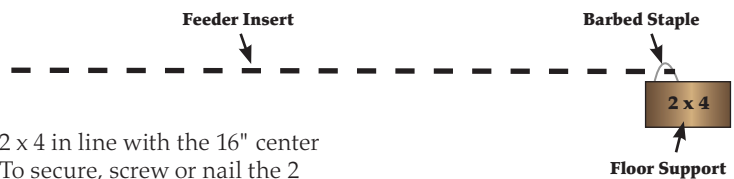
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Do the same with a second 4' feeder panel, thus making the feeder panel attached the entire 8' length.

2. Repeat the procedure for the other 8' 2 x 4.
3. Mark the center of the trough with a pencil. (The center is 16" in from the vertical corner legs.)
4. Pick up a 2 x 4 with its two attached panels and place it in the trough on top of the plywood floor, putting the side

Figure 9 - Stapling the Panel

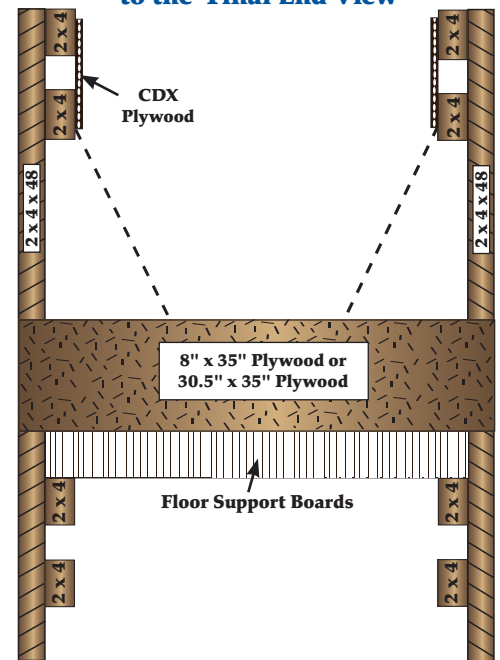


of the 2 x 4 in line with the 16" center mark. To secure, screw or nail the 2 x 4 down through the plywood into your three support 2 x 4s located at the ends and in the middle. Flip the wire panels out so they hit the 2 x 4 on the side. Repeat the same with the other 2 x 4. You should now have both 2 x 4s lying side by side in the center of the trough with the upper edge of the wire panels resting against the side 2 x 4s.

5. Secure the wire panels to the 2 x 4s with four more barbed staples per 8' side.

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Feeding Design Setups

Double-Sided Feeder Design (Figure 11)

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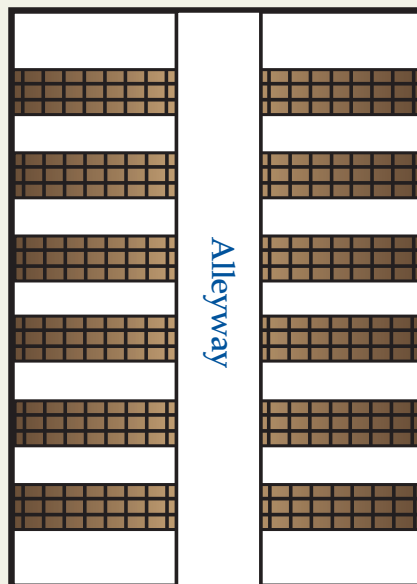
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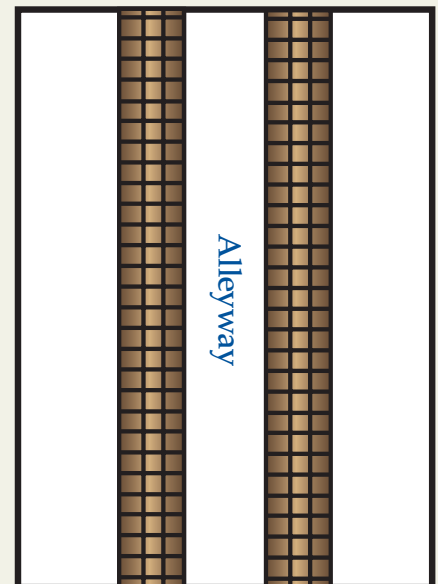
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- Two 24" x 48" Feeder Inserts at \$21 ea. Item #966000.
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2. From local sources

- Eight 2 x 4 x 96" (horizontals)—\$25
- Three 2 x 4 x 48" (vertical legs); treated—\$6
- Three 2 x 4 27" (short legs); treated—\$4
- Three 2 x 4 x 25" floor supports—\$3
- 1/3 sheet of 1/2" treated plywood floor (16" x 96")—\$20
- 1/3 sheet of CDX 1/2" plywood (16" x 96")—\$20
- One 8" x 96" piece of CDX plywood—\$5
- Sixty 16d nails and 40 1-1/2" roofing nails, or 60 2-1/2" decking screws and 40 1-1/2" sheeting screws.
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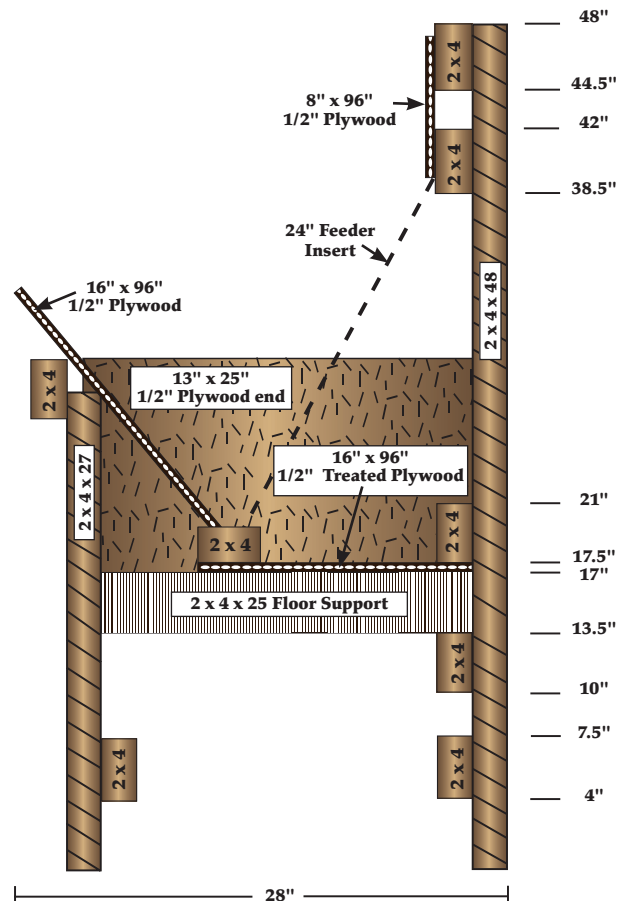
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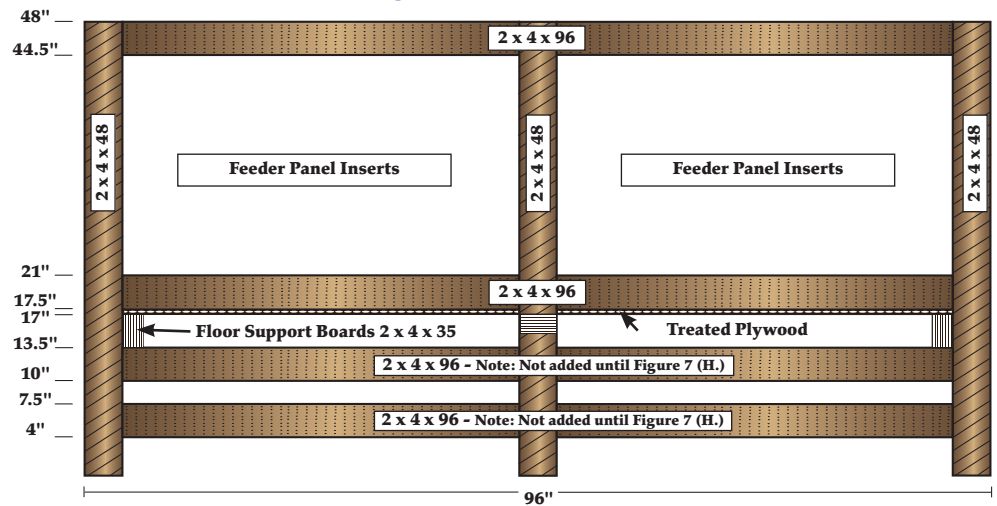


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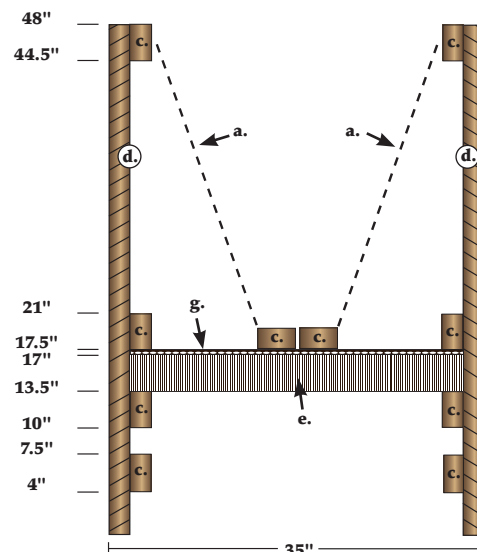
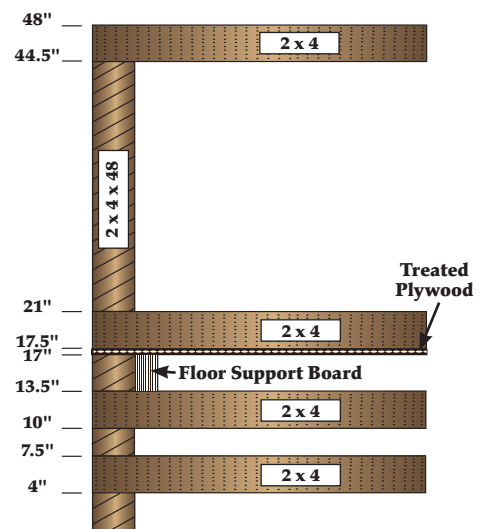


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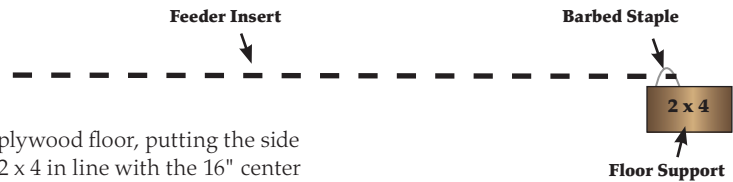
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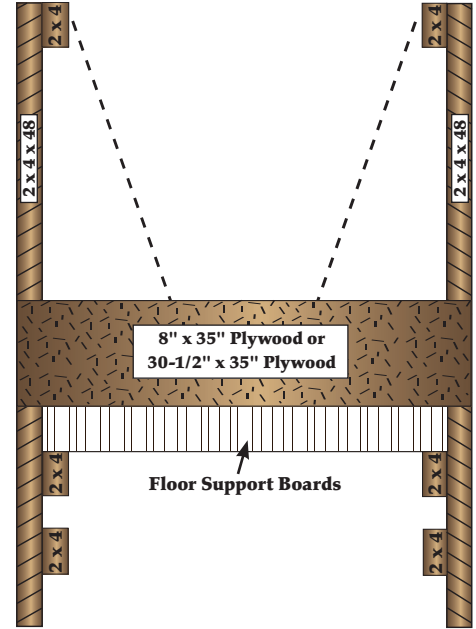


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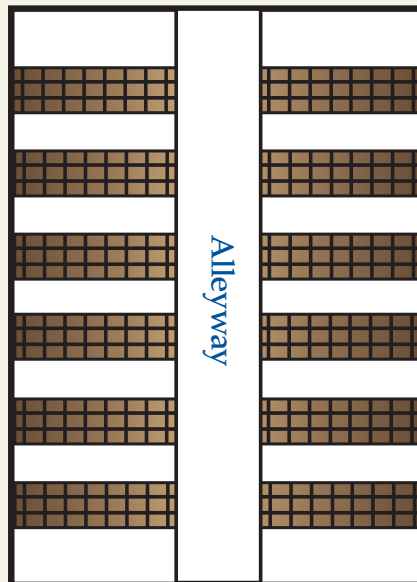
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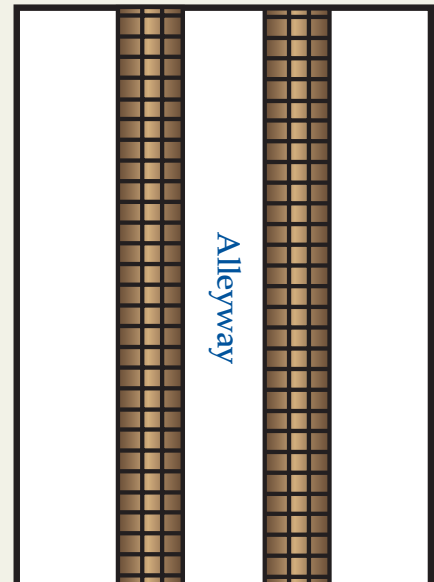
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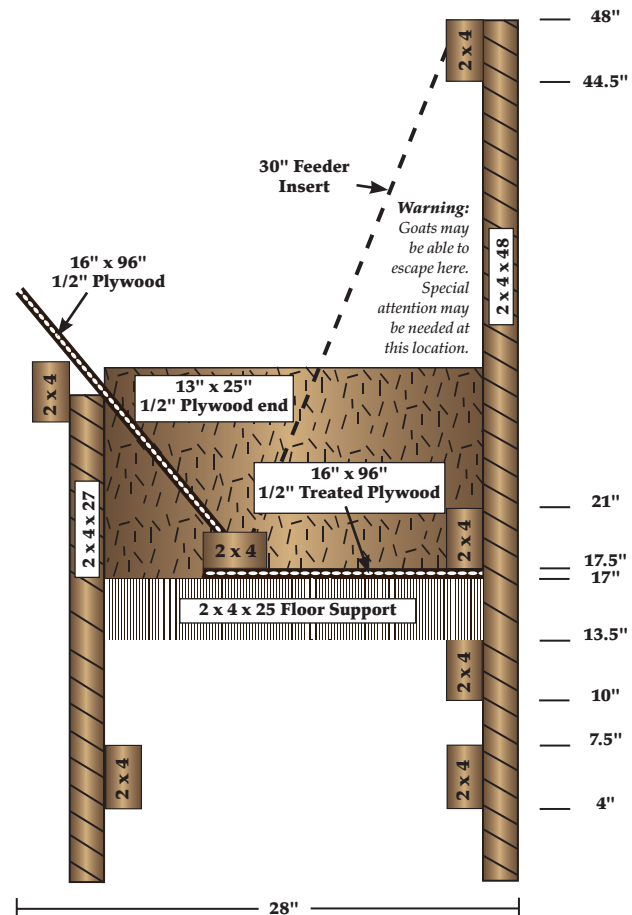
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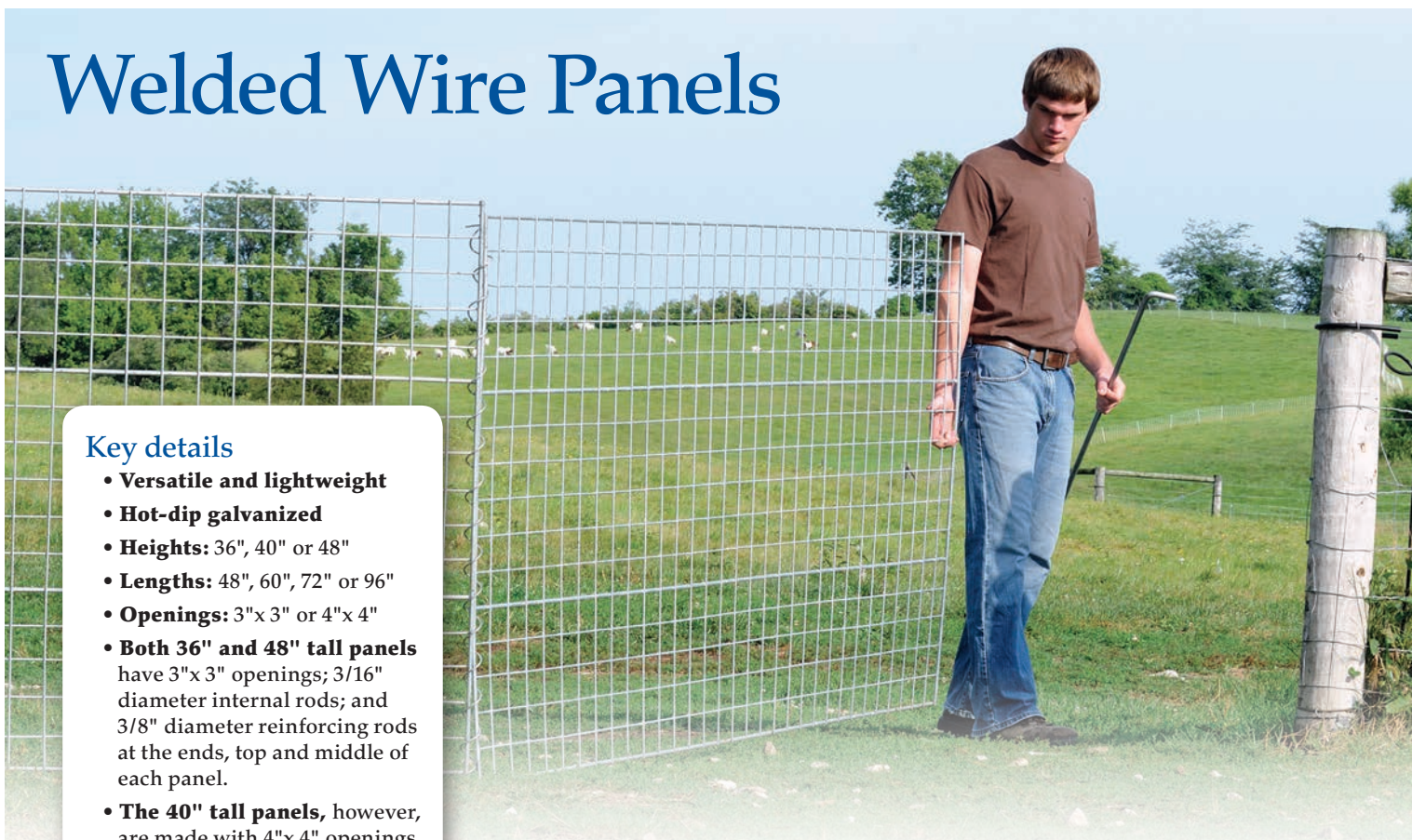
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Welded Wire Panels



Key details

- **Versatile and lightweight**
- **Hot-dip galvanized**
- **Heights:** 36", 40" or 48"
- **Lengths:** 48", 60", 72" or 96"
- **Openings:** 3"x 3" or 4"x 4"
- **Both 36" and 48" tall panels** have 3"x 3" openings; 3/16" diameter internal rods; and 3/8" diameter reinforcing rods at the ends, top and middle of each panel.
- **The 40" tall panels**, however, are made with 4"x 4" openings with 1/4" diameter throughout. (This is our original welded wire panel design.)
- **Stronger, larger, stainless-steel connector hinges.** Available in 3 lengths (36", 40" and 48"; see p. 87).

Long ago we found ourselves disappointed by farmstore welded panels (those in our area are for pigs and/or cattle).

So we designed these panels specifically for sheep and goats.

In 2007 we upgraded the design of most panels to provide more rigidity and less weight (hence easier to carry).

Why use welded wire for gates instead of wood or steel bars?

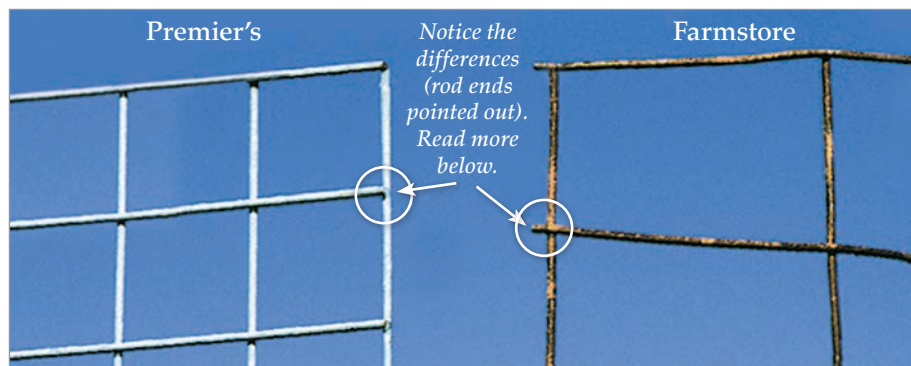
There are many sites in which a **movable physical barrier** is essential (gates, pens, etc).

Wood is heavy—and prone to breakage and rotting.

Steel bar gates are strong but heavy and expensive. And they don't stop lambs, kids or dogs. So we only use them when their strength is essential.

But when a less-strong barrier will work, the lower cost of galv. welded wire panels makes them an attractive alternative.

(above) Premier's welded wire panels can fill a variety of sheep/goat farm and ranch needs. They're escape proof (even for goat kids), are easy to install/move, and make ideal temporary barriers and pens. We secure panels with a Linking Stake and 2 Lag Bolts (p. 89).



The Premier differences...

- **Rod ends do not project past the ends and sides**—so they cannot snag and tear at animals, clothes or skin.
- **Hot-dip galvanized instead of zinc-plated.** They last longer and look "like new" for years.
- **Square, small, safer openings**—3"x 3" and 4"x 4" openings stop small animals (lambs, kids, dogs, etc.).

The 8" long rectangles of most other welded wire panels can entrap the heads of sheep and goats.

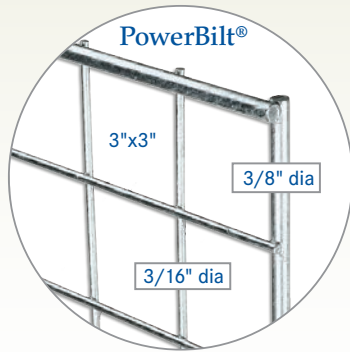
- **Deeper welds at every joint resist breakage** from the inevitable impacts.
- **Shorter—easier to move, stack and use;** 16 ft and 20 ft panels are difficult to haul and move about the farm.
- Easily connected with 360° movement by our wire connectors.

Why hot-dip galvanized?

We compared Premier's panel to a farmstore panel (electroplated) after the same time outside in humid conditions. Note Premier's panel with the lack of rust, smoother rod ends and lack of joint fatigue.

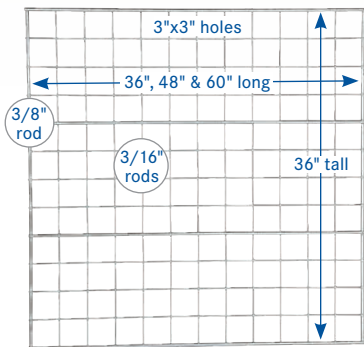
All Premier welded wire panels are hot-dip galvanized after all welds are completed. This ensures a heavy zinc coating that resists rusting and extends panel life for years.

Welded Wire Panels



PowerBilt® Panels

PowerBilt (36" and 48" tall) panels are reinforced with 3/8" rods around each panel's perimeter. Two horizontal internal rods are also 3/8" dia. All other internal rods are 3/16" dia.



PowerBilt® panels – 36" tall

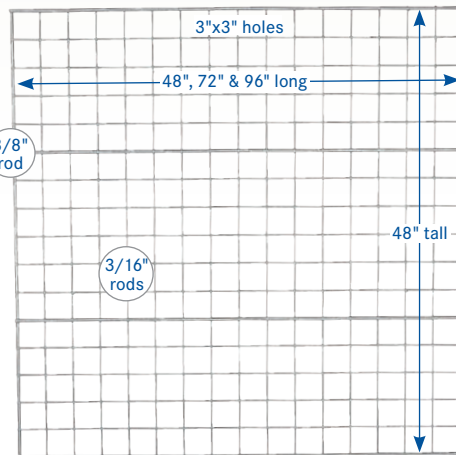
Use for:

- Smaller sheep breeds
- Pens for orphan lambs
- Front panel for lambing jugs

The 3" square holes reduce risk of entrapment. Short enough (36") that many folks are to be able to step over them. Hot-dip galvanized.

36" x 36", 13 lb.....	#965500	\$29.00*
36" x 48", 18 lb.....	#965550	\$38.00*
36" x 60", 21 lb.....	#965600	\$48.00*

*Additional handling fee of \$10 per item.



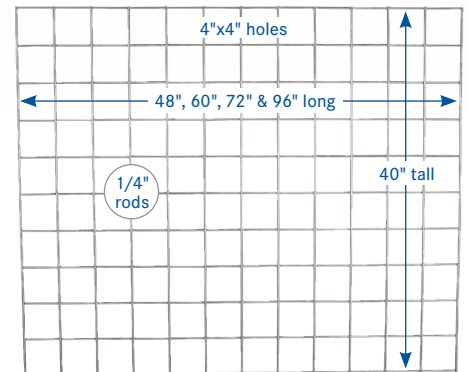
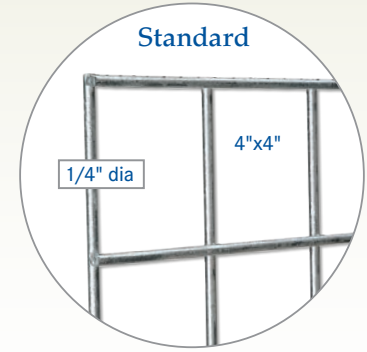
PowerBilt® panels – 48" tall

Use for:

- Goats (even kids) of any size
- Sheep of any size
- Holes are 3" square

Made with our meat goats in mind—because they don't always respect 40" tall panels or gates. Hot-dip galvanized.

48" x 48", 21 lb.....	#965700	\$46.00*
*Additional handling fee of \$10 per item.		
48" x 72", 30 lb.....	#965800	\$65.00*
*Shipped only by commercial truck lines.		
48" x 96", 37 lb.....	#965900	\$76.00*
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Standard panels – 40" tall

Use for:

- Lambing jugs
- Movable corrals
- Pen subdivisions

Tall enough for most sheep (unless they are very active, flighty or are high-libido rams during the breeding season). Hot-dip galvanized.

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40" x 48", 15 lb.....	#964700	\$35.00*
*Additional handling fee of \$10 per item.		
40" x 60", 21 lb.....	#964600	\$42.00*
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Ways to connect panels

Wire Connector Hinges

Strong, reliable connection system that's also a 360° hinge (see field gate photo on p. 85).

Stainless steel—so they won't rust.

Hinge, 36", 0.28 lb.....	#965402	\$2.60
Hinge, 40", 0.30 lb.....	#965400	\$3.00
Hinge, 48", 0.40 lb.....	#965401	\$3.50

Snap Clips

Use to attach panels. Choice of stainless steel (won't rust!) or zinc plated.

Snap Clip, stainless, 0.20 lb ...	#965406	\$7.00
Snap Clip, zinc plated, 0.20 lb	#965405	\$2.60

Connecting Pin & Eyebolt

Use to attach gates or panels to feeders. Also use with our orphan headgate (p. 87) and creep gate (p. 90).

Connecting Pin, 2.10 lb	#151200.....	\$4.80
Eyebolt, 0.50 lb	#936100.....	\$2.00



Linking Stake & Lag Bolt

Use to connect panels. Strong and versatile. Hot-dip galvanized. Also use with our orphan headgate (p. 87) and creep gate (p. 90).

Linking Stake, 3.30 lb	#917800.....	\$7.80
Lag Bolt, 0.30 lb	#917820.....	\$2.10



Prices are subject to change without notice.



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