

Big Bale Feeders



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Features:

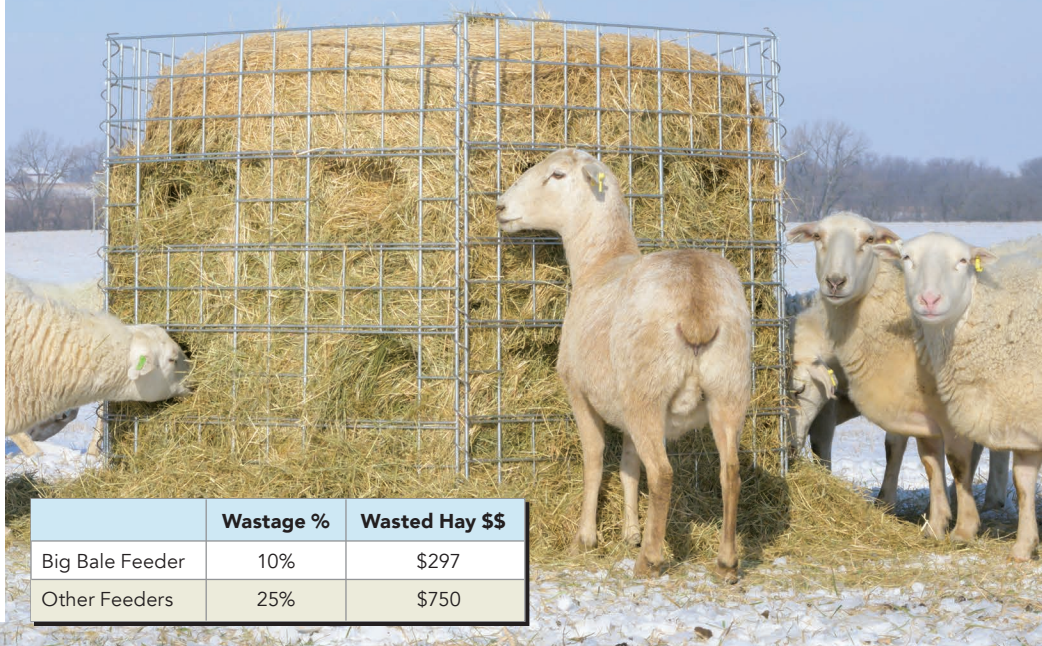
- **Simple to install.**
- **Folds flat**—easy to store and move.
- **4 head-holes** per panel.
- **1/4" reinforcement rod** above and below the feeding holes for extra support against pushing rams or ewes.
- **Adult sheep can't get inside it.**
- **Average of 40 ewes per 6-panel feeder** is advised.
- **More durable** than feeders made with farmstore panels.
- **Adapts** to most bale sizes and shapes.
- **Ships** by FedEx® or SpeedDee™.
- **Typical feeder lifetime is 3 to 5 yrs.**
- **Hot-dip galvanized.**

Pays for itself in a year!

How does it do this? Calculating your lost \$\$ due to wasted hay immediately provides a picture of the value of a big bale hay feeder.

Assume 40 ewes each eat 5 lbs of hay for 165 days. Assume hay costs \$180/ton (9¢/lb).

So, the \$453 difference pays for a Premier feeder quickly!



	Wastage %	Wasted Hay \$\$
Big Bale Feeder	10%	\$297
Other Feeders	25%	\$750

Determine feeder size

For a 6 ft/72" dia. bale, sheep/goats usually leave an 18" center core after eating all they can reach. It requires human time and assistance to adjust both the bale core and the feeder.

Bales 4 ft in dia. are smaller than most round bales in the Midwest, but they **allow sheep or goats to eat the entire bale without assistance.**

We find the difference in reduced hassle and labor is so large that the cost for smaller bales is worth it. For small bales use 5 panels; large bales use 6 to 7 panels.

	Panels	Hinges	Clips
4 ft diameter bale	5	4	2
5 ft diameter bale	6	5	2
6 ft diameter bale	7	6	2

What **NOT** to do...

1. Don't use with horned sheep or goats. We have tried this and know that they may get their heads caught and die. Don't use with cattle, horses or horned animals (including goats).
2. Don't try to lift the feeder panels with a tractor when they're frozen or stuck in a manure pack. They will bend and break.
3. Don't try to feed more than 8 ewes per panel. They will fight for access.
4. Don't allow starving sheep access to these feeders. They become too aggressive and injure one another.

Simple steps to install



1. Panels are easy to carry and store

They can be carried or dragged short distances by hand (6 panels weigh 108 lbs) or transported by ATV. Unlike most other feeders, Premier's wire panel feeders stack flat.



2. Joining panels with wire hinges

Join all panels with wire connector hinges. For 6 panels you need 5 hinges. We rarely remove the hinges after joining the panels.



3. Adding a large round bale

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



4. Wrap panels around bale and close with snap clips

Wrap the panel "system" around the bale. Connect the last opening with snap clips.

