

Big Bale Feeder

Pays for itself in a year!

How does it do this?

Calculating the lost \$\$ due to wasted hay 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 \$140/ton (7¢/lb).

	Wastage %	Wasted Hay \$\$
Big Bale Feeder	10%	\$231
Other Feeders	25%	\$557

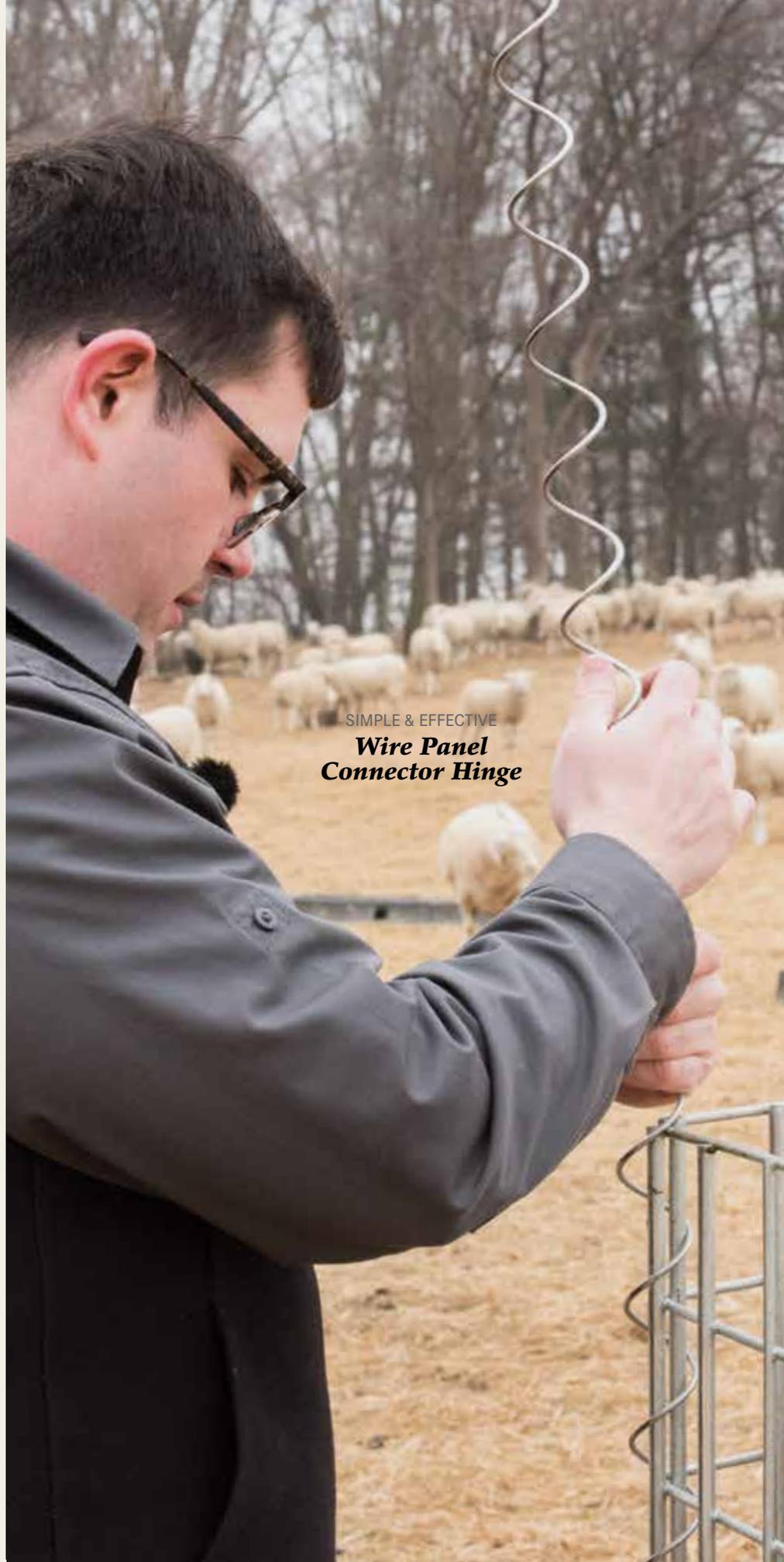
So, the \$326 difference pays for a Premier feeder quickly!

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.)
- More durable than bale feeders made with weak farmstore panels.
- Adapts to most bale sizes and shapes. (For small bales use 5 panels; large bales use 6 to 7 panels.)
- Not for use with cattle, horses or horned animals (including goats).
- Ships to you by UPS™ or SpeeDee™.
- Typical lifetime of a feeder is 3 to 5 years. Sometimes longer if used with smaller/lighter animals.
- Hot-dip galvanized.

What *not* to do...

1. Don't use with cattle or horses.
2. Don't use with horned sheep or goats. We have tried this and know that they may get their heads caught and die.
3. 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.
4. Don't try to feed more than 8 ewes per panel. They will fight for access.
5. Don't allow starving sheep access to these feeders. They're too aggressive and can injure one another.



SIMPLE & EFFECTIVE
**Wire Panel
Connector Hinge**



I just bought my second one because the first one did so well. So much less waste, my ewes don't get in or stuck in the feeder. The ease of putting it together is fantastic as well. As I grow my flock I will be adding more.

– Amy G., Montana

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 big bale feeders, Premier's wire panel feeders stack flat.



2. Joining panels with wire hinges

Join all panels with wire connector hinges (see inset). 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 with a pitchfork 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 (see inset).



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(above) This is an example of the preferred result. 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.

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