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\*Anything you can do, someone else can do different.

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*Noun / Verb*

- *Method, system, device, or thingamajig that saves time, money, or effort, on a farm.*
- *Origin: Born out of necessity. On every farm, that has ever existed.*



A recycled wheelbarrow makes a  
handy potting soil bench.  
Barb Lamborne – Greenstone Fields



½" Galvanized pipe fashioned into a high tunnel/greenhouse door handle.  
Barb Lamborne – Greenstone Fields



My favorite hoop house door. Easy to open and no chance of wind damage when it is completely opened, opens quickly for ventilation when needed.

Quinton Tschetter – Tschetter's Flowers











Something as practical as this rake holding up an irrigation sprinkler in the sunflowers. The last sprinkler is often leaning. This fixes that.  
Joan Ewer Thorndike - Le Mera Gardens

Installing Drip Tape below the surface.

Video Presentation.

Ben Josephson - Bindweed Farm

Installing Drip Tape, without having ends to tie off or close.

Dave Dowling – Ednie Flower Bulbs.



Ramp system to load and unload my plants and flowers at the market. I can load 6 carts in minutes Hold approx 1600 plants.  
Chas Gill – Kennebec Flower Farm



Filling bags of water for market bouquets.  
One hand operation-fill the bag with a  
couple skirts and seal with a rubber band.  
Chas Gill – Kennebec Flower Farm



Bucket dividers made with corrugated plastic board.  
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**1 - for occultation/tarping against weed pressure: buy a silage tarp (order it through local feed/seed store rather than online for huge savings on shipping costs) and cut it into 4' wide sections to tarp one bed at a time, good technique for small-space intensive growers who may not be turning over large blocks all at once**

**2 - put a 1-2' strip of landscape fabric under your irrigation header to keep things clean and manageable all season long (learned this one from Greenstone Fields)**

**3 - cut up old drip tape and use a Sharpie oil pen to make bed labels then spear it with a ground staple and you've got a label that doesn't fade and doesn't get lost (learned from Shephards Farm Philly)**

**4 - as daffodil/allium foliage is dying back, transplant right into it so it acts as a living mulch for your summer succession crops.**

**Maya Kosok – Hillen Homestead**



**This is a watering nozzle out of one of the water balloon fillers.  
It is a great watering nozzle, good amount of water comes out and you can  
direct it different directions.**

**Janis Harris – Harris Flower Farm**



**Repurposed Wheelbarrow Frames  
Nancy and Tom Hurtgen – Hurtgen Meadows**



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