



TECH NICKEL TIPS

TOOL SAVERS

The barn can be a real "bermuda triangle" for tools. Dark, dusty corners and slotted floors can hide and gobble up tools faster than a clothes drier can eat socks! Here are a few techniques for keeping track of tools in the barn.

- 1) **Tool Spots.** This is an old technique, but still one of the most effective. Pick a spot on a hallway wall and attach some tool hooks for hammers, pliers and other often-used tools. Trace the outline of each tool in brightly-coloured paint as a reminder to all barn staff to return tools to their proper places when done using them.
- 2) **Painted Handles.** Barn tools are often used in poorly-lit areas where they can be hard to spot when the job is done. Ensure your tools can be easily noticed by using a bright fluorescent paint on the handles.
- 3) **"Tags" for Small Tools.** Hand tools have a way of falling at the worst possible times, and can often disappear between floor slats and into the pit below. Save frustration and possible manure handling problems by attaching a 16-18 inch piece of nylon rope to the tool's handle, with the other end of the rope tied to a piece of 2 1/2" x 3" diameter PVC pipe.

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