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FARM SHOW Writer Gives "Thumbs Up" To LogJaws

By Jim Ruen, Contributing Editor

FARM SHOW received a pair of LogJaws log carriers to field test from Beth McDonald in Saranac, Mich. I took them out to my woodpile and they worked great. We picked up logs, chunks of split wood and sections of log yet to be split. The steel hand grips the wood with 3 sharp points and holds it tight. It circles the hand, protecting your knuckles.

One thing was easy to see as we used the tool. It's rugged and built to last and likely will long outlast anyone buying one today.

Releasing the log is as simple as tipping the grip down toward the long claw. This releases tension on the upper claws, and the log is free. When carrying a large piece of split wood or a log round to be split, a snap of the wrist releases the LogJaw from the wood.

"My husband's father and grandfather invented it to carry pulpwood out of the forest, and my husband grew up using it," says Beth McDonald, LogJaw. "When I saw him and his father working with it, it blew me away how well it worked."

McDonald, whose dad once had a machining business, encouraged her husband and father-in-law to get the LogJaw patented. Now she's helping them market it.

"The original LogJaw was fabricated from steel rod by welding, forging and machining," says McDonald. "We took it to a Michigan company who uses the same casting process as used for jet engine components.

"We've tested the LogJaw to loads in excess of 1,000 lbs.," says McDonald. "One person can use one to drag a log or work with smaller chunks of logs. Two people,



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A single LogJaw is 11 1/2 in. long from handle to claws and 3 1/2 in. high at the handle. It weighs about 3 lbs. and sells for \$69.95 plus shipping.

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