

Jerome Bechard, an ingenious and successful Lajord, Saskatchewan, farmer, shoots his seeds into the ground and lives beneath his wheat field. The slab roof of the house he designed (with some architectural help) is covered with earth, which keeps it coolish in the summer and warmish in the winter, saving much fuel. When approached from the back (top picture), only a single tower is visible. The front view (middle) is both original and handsome. The harrow Bechard invented uses air pressure to shoot seeds at uniform depths into the earth, giving much better crop yields. The seeds travel from the truck at the left, through the hoses and into the ground, freshly turned by the disks at right.

