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Ans.-With a 12-inch base, tapering to 6 inches at the top, it will require about 9 cords of gravel and 41 barrels of cement. A floor 2 inches thick will require one-quarter of a cord of gravel and one barrel of cement. The requirements of the foundation will vary with the strength of the one you establish. A few cobble-stones might be put in, making sure that no stone comes nearer than two inches to the inner or outer surface. Barbed wire is the best for reinforcement, and the ends should be knotted so no slipping can occur. Place the wires about 15 inches apart, and where a door intercepts the wire, place an iron vertically in the cement and wind the wire around it. A straightened wagon tire about four feet long imbedded in the cement above each door, will also add strength. The cost of the silo to you is hard to estimate, but it requires 45 yards of gravel and 42 barrels of cement, and this, with the wire, etc., you can estimate from your local prices. It will total up, however, in the vicinity of \$200. As a suggestion, we might say you would have a better silo if you built it 14 feet by 35 feet.



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