INTRODUCTION:
Redoutey Logging in McDermott, Ohio has fabricated a metal "carry-all" to help transport hay or straw needed for BMP work when closing out a harvesting operation.

GENERAL FEATURES:
The carry-all was fabricated using the frame of a liftgate from an old dual-wheel pickup truck. The horizontal platform of the carry-all is 8' x 4', and the vertical piece, which fits against the dozer blade, is approximately 2½ feet high. Our carry-all was originally sized for a John Deere 650 dozer, although it can be used in other size dozers as well; the carry-all can be custom-fabricated to match the owner’s equipment.

OPERATION:
When on site but not in use, the carry-all rests on a log or something else that lifts the joined section of the vertical and horizontal platform slightly off the ground so that the bottom of the dozer blade can get slightly below it. The top of the carry-all has a plate on each side constructed of ½" thick by 4" wide steel, welded and bent downward so that it hooks over the top of the dozer blade. The dozer operator hooks up to the carry-all by simply fitting the top of the dozer blade under the hooks and lifting the blade.

APPLICATION:
The carry-all can easily hold three layers of rectangular hay/straw bales—20 or more bales—and carry them to wherever mulching or other BMP work is needed on the site. Instead of trying to load and drive a pickup truck into a poorly accessed portion of a tract or carrying bales on foot, the dozer does the work.

SPECIFICATIONS AND COSTS:
Our carry-all frame used 2" square tubing and 4" channel iron, with diamond mesh/expanded metal sheets to serve as the floor and "sideboard" of the carry-all. We constructed the carry-all in-house. The total time to construct it, including cutting and welding, was approximately three hours. The cost was minimal.