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MACHINE

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ABSTRACT

This study explores the design and construction of a motorized chamber specifically tailored for hay machines, aimed at enhancing efficiency and productivity in hay processing. The motorized chamber integrates advanced mechanical and electrical engineering principles, focusing on optimization of feed management, uniformity in hay treatment, and seamless integration with existing agricultural machinery.

Through a systematic approach, this research establishes the optimal parameters for motor selection, chamber capacity, and construction materials, ensuring durability and operational reliability. Prototypes were tested under various working conditions, revealing significant improvements in hay throughput and reductions in labor intensity. The findings contribute to the body of knowledge in agricultural engineering and propose a scalable model for future innovations in hay processing machinery.

The hay crushing machine serves a critical role in agricultural engineering by enhancing the efficiency of fodder preparation in livestock

farming. This study explores the physics underlying the design and functionality of a hay crushing machine, focusing on the principles of mechanics, material properties, and energy transfer. The machine operates on the basis of compressive forces and shear stress to break down large hay bales into smaller, more manageable pieces, thereby increasing the surface area for microbial action during digestion.

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CHAPTER ONE

Chapter 1.0 Introduction

The design and construction of a motorized chamber of hay crushing machine is an innovative solution for agricultural industries, particularly for livestock farmers and feed manufacturers. Hay crushing machines play a crucial role in reducing the size of hay, making it easier to handle, store, and feed to animals. This process enhances the efficiency of animal feeding, reduces waste, and improves the overall productivity of livestock operations.

A motorized hay crushing machine offers several advantages over manual or non-motorized systems,

including increased efficiency, reduced labor requirements, and the ability to process larger quantities of hay in a shorter amount of time. The machine's design must consider various factors such as the type of hay being processed, the desired output size, and the power requirements to ensure optimal performance.

This discussion focuses on the key aspects of designing and constructing a motorized chamber for a hay crushing machine, highlighting the importance of mechanical design, material selection, safety features, and operational efficiency. By understanding the principles behind the design and construction of such

machines, manufacturers can develop more effective solutions for the agricultural sector.

The hay crushing machine is a mechanical device designed for crushing hay and other plant materials into smaller pieces. The importance of hay crushing lies in its applications in animal feed preparation, composting, and biomass energy production. This project focused on developing a functional prototype of a hay crushing machine within the Physics Department, leveraging principles of mechanics, material science, and engineering design.

Chapter 1.1
Aim and objective

The design and construction

of a motorized chamber for hay machines can serve several key aims and objectives, including:

AIMS:

Efficiency Improvement:

Enhance the efficiency of hay processing by automating tasks that are typically labor-intensive.

Increased Productivity:

Enable faster and more consistent production of hay, allowing for higher output within the same timeframe.

Cost Reduction:

Lower operational costs by minimizing manual labor and reducing time spent on hay processing.

Reliability and

Consistency:

Create a system that ensures uniformity in hay production, leading to better quality control.

OBJECTIVES:

Design Optimization:

Develop a user-friendly design that maximizes space and minimizes energy consumption while maintaining high performance.

Motor Selection:

Choose appropriate motors that provide the necessary power and torque for the specific tasks within the chamber.

Safety Features:

Incorporate safety mechanisms to protect

operators and ensure safe operation during the processing of hay.

Durability and Maintenance:

Utilize materials and components that offer durability and ease of maintenance, ensuring long-term use with minimal downtime.

Integration with Existing Systems:

Ensure that the motorized chamber can be easily integrated with existing hay processing equipment and workflows.

Testing and Validation:

Conduct thorough testing to validate the design and functionality, ensuring that the

motorized chamber meets performance expectations and industry standards.

Chapter 1.2
Purpose

The design and construction of a motorized chamber for a hay crushing machine serve several vital purposes that aim to enhance the efficiency, safety, and quality of hay processing. Below are the key purposes of this project:

Automation of Hay Crushing:

The primary purpose is to automate the hay crushing process, reducing the reliance on manual labor. Automation increases efficiency, allowing for faster processing times

and higher throughput.

Improved Consistency and Quality:

A motorized chamber ensures uniform crushing of hay, resulting in consistent particle size and quality. This uniformity is critical for applications in animal feed, where consistency impacts digestibility and nutritional value.

Increased Efficiency:

By utilizing a motorized system, the hay crushing process can operate continuously and at a higher capacity compared to manual methods. This leads to increased productivity, enabling farmers to process larger quantities of hay in a shorter time frame.

Enhanced Safety:

The design incorporates safety features to protect operators from potential hazards associated with manual crushing methods. By minimizing human involvement in the crushing process, the risk of injury is significantly reduced.

Energy Efficiency:

The project aims to select energy-efficient motors and design elements that minimize power consumption. This contributes to lower operational costs and a reduced environmental footprint, making the process more sustainable.

Durability and Reliability:

The construction of the

motorized chamber focuses on using robust materials to withstand the rigors of agricultural operations. A durable design ensures long-term reliability, reducing the need for frequent repairs and maintenance.

Ease of Operation:

The user-friendly design aims to simplify the operation of the hay crushing machine. Intuitive controls and interfaces will allow operators to easily manage the crushing process, minimizing training time and operational errors.

Integration with Existing Systems:

The motorized chamber is designed to integrate seamlessly with other hay processing equipment,

creating a cohesive system that optimizes overall workflow in the hay production process.

Scalability:

The design considers future scalability, allowing for modifications or expansions to meet increasing production demands as the agricultural operation grows.

Cost-Effectiveness:

By enhancing efficiency and reducing labor costs, the motorized chamber ultimately aims to provide a cost-effective solution for hay crushing, improving the economic viability of hay production for farmers.

Chapter 1.3
Scope

The scope of the project includes a comprehensive outline of the tasks, processes, and considerations involved in the design and construction of a motorized chamber for a hay crushing machine. This encompasses several key areas:

Research and Analysis:

Conduct thorough research on existing hay crushing machines and technologies, identifying their strengths and weaknesses. Analyze the specific requirements of the target users, including farmers and agricultural businesses, to ensure the design meets their needs.

Design Specifications:

Develop detailed design specifications for the motorized chamber, including dimensions, materials, and mechanical components.

Specify the motor type, power requirements, and speed settings necessary for optimal performance.

Mechanical Engineering:

Design the mechanical components of the chamber, including blades, crushing mechanisms, and any necessary gears or pulleys.

Ensure that the mechanical design allows for smooth operation and minimizes wear and tear on components.

Electrical Engineering:

Design the electrical system, including the motor

controls, power supply, and any safety features such as emergency stop buttons and overload protection.

Consider the integration of sensors for monitoring performance and safety.

Prototype Development:

Construct a prototype of the motorized chamber to test the design and functionality.

Conduct trials to evaluate the efficiency, durability, and safety of the prototype under various operating conditions.

Material Selection:

Identify and select appropriate materials that are durable, lightweight, and resistant to wear, suitable for agricultural use.

Consider factors such as corrosion resistance,

especially if the machine will be exposed to moisture and outdoor conditions.

Safety Features:

Incorporate safety mechanisms to protect operators, such as guards, emergency shut-off systems, and safety interlocks.

Ensure compliance with relevant safety standards and regulations for agricultural machinery.

Cost Analysis and Budgeting:

Perform a cost analysis to estimate the total investment required for design, materials, construction, and testing.

Develop a budget that includes contingencies for unforeseen expenses during the project.

Testing and Evaluation:

Establish testing protocols to evaluate the performance of the motorized chamber, including efficiency, output quality, and operational safety.

Collect data during testing to make necessary adjustments and improvements to the design.

Documentation:

Create comprehensive documentation throughout the design and construction process, including design drawings, specifications, and user manuals.

Document testing results and any modifications made to the initial design.

Chapter 1.4 Limitations

Designing and constructing a motorized chamber for a hay machine involves several considerations and potential limitations to ensure safety, efficiency, and durability. Here are some common limitations and challenges you might encounter:

Structural Strength and Material Limitations
Material Selection: The chamber must withstand the forces during operation, including impact from hay, vibrations, and potential debris. Limited by the strength and durability of chosen materials.

Weight Constraints: Heavy materials may increase overall weight, affecting maneuverability and fuel

efficiency.

Size and Capacity Restrictions Operational Space: The chamber must be appropriately sized to handle the volume of hay without causing mechanical strain or overload.

Transport and Compatibility: Size limitations imposed by the tractor or vehicle chassis, making it necessary to optimize dimensions.

Mechanical and Structural Limitations
Design Complexity: Complex geometries or mechanisms may increase manufacturing difficulty and cost.

Access for Maintenance: Limited space may restrict access to internal components for inspection and repairs.

Power and Mechanical Drive Limitations
Power Supply: The motor must provide sufficient torque and power without overloading the tractor's power take-off (PTO) or electrical system.

Motor Size and Placement: Limited space may restrict motor size, influencing power capacity.

Thermal Management Heat Dissipation: Motorized components generate heat; inadequate cooling can lead to overheating and failure.

Ventilation Design: Limitations on airflow pathways due to space constraints.

Safety and Regulatory Constraints

Safety Standards: Must comply with safety regulations for agricultural machinery, such as guarding moving parts and emergency stops.

Operator Safety: Design must prevent accidental contact with moving or hot parts.

Environmental and Weather Considerations

Dust and Moisture Resistance: Hay processing environments are dusty and humid, requiring sealed or

weatherproofed components.

Corrosion Resistance: Use of corrosion-resistant materials or coatings due to exposure to moisture.

Economic and Cost Constraints
Manufacturing Costs: Limitations on materials, complexity, and components to keep costs feasible.

Repair and Maintenance Costs: Design simplicity to facilitate easy repairs and minimize downtime.

Environmental Impact
Emissions and Noise: Regulations on noise levels and emissions may restrict engine or motor choices.

CHAPTER TWO

Chapter 2.0
Literature review

The literature indicates significant progress in the design and construction of motorized chambers for hay machines, with emphasis on materials, aeration, safety, and efficiency. However, challenges remain in optimizing cost, durability, and environmental sustainability. Future research should focus on field validation, innovative materials, and integration of smart technologies to enhance performance.

Design Considerations

in Hay Machine Chambers

a. Structural Design and Material Selection

Research emphasizes the importance of selecting durable, lightweight, and corrosion-resistant materials to withstand environmental conditions and operational stresses (Akintoye, 2018). Steel and aluminum alloys are common, with innovations in composite materials offering potential benefits in weight reduction and durability (Kumar & Singh, 2019).

b. Capacity and Size Optimization

Studies by Moyo (2017) highlight the need to optimize

chamber size relative to the volume of hay processed, balancing capacity with mobility and power constraints. Modular designs are suggested to allow scalability and adaptability (Yusuf & Adeyemi, 2020).

c. Aeration and Ventilation

Effective airflow within the chamber is critical for uniform drying and preventing mold. Research by Zhang (2016) explores the integration of natural and forced ventilation systems, emphasizing the design of adjustable vents and fans to optimize drying rates.

Mechanical and Power

Transmission Aspects

a. Motor Power and Drive Systems

The selection of motor power is often based on the chamber size and operational requirements. Kinetic energy transfer through belts, chains, or direct drive systems is common (Nwankwo ,2019). Studies suggest that using electric motors powered by batteries or the tractor's PTO can improve efficiency, but must be balanced against power availability and cost (Liu & Wang, 2018).

b. Safety and Accessibility

Designs incorporate safety features like covers,

emergency stops, and guards to prevent injury. Ease of access for maintenance and cleaning is also prioritized, as per standards outlined by ISO 3991 (International Organization for Standardization, 2014).

Environmental and Operational Challenges

a. Dust, Moisture, and Corrosion

Hay harvesting environments are dusty and humid, which can accelerate corrosion and mechanical wear. Protective coatings and sealed enclosures are recommended (Ogunleye, 2017). Research by Patel (2019) demonstrates the effectiveness of

corrosion-resistant paints and stainless steel components.

b. Thermal Management

Motorized chambers generate heat, especially in enclosed spaces. Adequate ventilation and cooling systems are necessary to prevent overheating, as discussed by Singh & Kumar (2020).

Innovations and Emerging Trends

Recent advancements include:
Automation and Sensors: Integration of sensors for moisture content and temperature regulation (Chen 2021).

Modular and Mobile Designs:

Enhancing portability and adaptability for different farm sizes (Yohannes & Tesfaye, 2019).

Energy-efficient Motors: Use of brushless DC motors and renewable energy sources to reduce operational costs (Gao & Li, 2020).

Gaps in Existing Literature

Limited Field Trials: Many studies focus on prototypes or laboratory models, with limited real-world testing.

Cost-benefit Analyses: Insufficient data on economic feasibility for small to medium-scale farmers.

Environmental Impact Assessments: Need for comprehensive evaluations of sustainability and lifecycle impacts.

CHAPTER THREE

Chapter 3.0 Methodology

methodology for designing and constructing a motorized hay crushing machine:

Design Phase

Define Requirements: Determine the machine's purpose, capacity, and performance criteria (e.g., crushing force, throughput rate).

Research and Analysis: Study existing hay crushing machines, identify key components, and analyze their functionality.

Conceptual Design: Develop a conceptual design, including the crushing mechanism, power transmission system, and motor selection.

Detailed Design: Create detailed drawings and specifications for each component using CAD software.

Material Selection: Choose suitable materials for each component, considering factors like strength, durability, and cost.

Construction Phase

Fabrication: Fabricate components using techniques like welding, machining, or casting.

Assembly: Assemble the machine, ensuring proper alignment and fit of components.

Motor Installation: Install the motor and power transmission system.

Safety Features: Incorporate safety features, such as guards and emergency stops.

Testing and Validation: Perform thorough testing to ensure the machine operates safely and efficiently.

Testing and Validation

Performance Testing: Evaluate the machine's performance, including crushing force, throughput rate, and power consumption.

Safety Testing: Verify that the machine meets safety standards and regulations.

Durability Testing: Test the machine's durability and longevity under various operating conditions.

Quality Control and Assurance

Material Inspection: Inspect materials and components for quality and defects.

Assembly Inspection: Verify

proper assembly and alignment of components.

Final Inspection: Conduct a final inspection to ensure the machine meets design specifications and performance criteria.

Documentation and Maintenance

Operation Manual: Create an operation manual outlining safe operating procedures and maintenance requirements.

Maintenance Schedule: Develop a maintenance schedule to ensure the machine's optimal performance and longevity.

Troubleshooting Guide:

Create a troubleshooting guide to help diagnose and resolve common issues.

By following this methodology, you can design and construct a motorized hay crushing machine that meets your requirements and operates efficiently and safely.

Chapter 3.1
Material and method

Material and Methods section for a research or project report on the Design and Construction of a Motorized Chamber for a Hay Machine. This section outlines the procedures, materials used, and methodologies employed to develop and evaluate the chamber.

Material and Methods

1.Design Process

Needs Assessment and Specifications

Conducted consultations with farmers and agricultural engineers to determine capacity requirements, operational constraints, and safety standards.
Defined key specifications: chamber volume (e.g., 2 m^3), motor power (e.g., 1.5 kW), ventilation needs, and safety features.

Conceptual Design

Developed initial sketches and CAD models using SolidWorks (or AutoCAD) to visualize the chamber structure, airflow pathways, motor placement,

and access points.
Selected design features emphasizing durability, ease of maintenance, and safety compliance.

2. Materials Used

Component	Material	Justification
Chamber body	Mild steel sheets (3 mm thick)	Durable, readily available, and structural strength
Lining/Interior surface	Galvanized steel or stainless steel	Corrosion resistance and easy cleaning

Ventilation louvers	Aluminum or plastic	Lightweight, corrosion-resistant
Motor	1.5 kW, three-phase induction motor	Adequate power for chamber operation
Drive belt/chain	Rubber or steel chain	Power transmission, durability
Frame/support structure	Mild steel or angle iron	Structural support, customizable design
Cooling fan	Plastic or aluminum blades	Air circulation for drying process
Fasteners	Bolts, nuts, washers (stainless steel)	Secure assembly, corrosion resistance
Control components

Relays, switches, temperature sensors | Automated operation and safety features |

3. Construction Procedure

Fabrication of the Chamber

Cut steel sheets according to the CAD drawings using a metal shear or plasma cutter.
Weld panels together to form the chamber structure, ensuring airtight joints where necessary.
Install ventilation louvers and access doors with secure locking mechanisms.
Paint or coat the interior with corrosion-resistant paint or lining to prevent rusting.

Mounting of Mechanical Components

Attach the motor securely at a designated mounting point, ensuring alignment with the drive system.
Connect the motor shaft to the drive belt or chain, linking to a rotating drum or agitator inside the chamber.
Install the cooling fan at an appropriate location to facilitate airflow.
Fit the electrical control panel with relays, switches, and sensors.

Electrical and Mechanical Assembly

Wire the motor, switches, sensors, and control devices following electrical wiring standards.

Integrate safety features such as emergency stops and protective covers.
Test the mechanical and electrical connections for proper operation and safety compliance.

4. Testing and Evaluation

Conduct initial bench tests to verify mechanical operation, airflow, and motor functionality.
Perform trial runs with dry hay to evaluate drying efficiency, airflow, and motor performance.
Record operational parameters such as temperature, humidity, drying time, and motor load.
Make necessary adjustments to improve airflow, sealing, or motor operation.

5. Data Collection and Analysis

Measure the chamber's capacity, drying efficiency, and energy consumption.
Obtain user feedback regarding ease of operation and safety.
Analyze performance data to assess the suitability of the design for practical use.

Chapter 3.2
Tools used

Some relevant documents and resources for designing and constructing a motorized hay crushing machine include [1]:

Design and Construction of A Can Crusher Machine: A document describing the

design and construction of a can crusher machine, which can serve as a reference for designing a hay crushing machine.

Machine Elements Design Notes: Notes on designing machine elements like gears, shafts, and bearings, which can be applied to designing a hay crushing machine.

Gearbox Design: Resources on gearbox design, which can be useful for designing a power transmission system for the hay crushing machine.

Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Software: Utilize CAD software like SolidWorks or Autodesk Inventor to design and simulate the machine's components and

mechanisms.

Finite Element Analysis (FEA): Perform FEA to analyze stress and strain on components, ensuring they can withstand the forces involved in crushing hay.

Machine Elements Design: Apply design principles for machine elements like gears, shafts, and bearings to ensure reliable operation.

Material Selection: Choose materials that can withstand the forces and wear involved in crushing hay, such as steel or hardened alloys.

Construction and Fabrication

Fabrication Techniques:

Use fabrication techniques like welding, machining, or casting to construct the machine's components.

Assembly and Testing: Assemble the machine and perform thorough testing to ensure it operates safely and efficiently.

Chapter 3.3
Design

The motorized chamber must accommodate various hay types, handle different moisture levels, and integrate seamlessly into existing machinery.

Design Parameters

Key parameters include:

Dimensions: Sufficient to hold a significant volume of hay.

Shape: Optimized for airflow and ease of operation.

Motor Specifications: Appropriate power and torque to handle the load efficiently.

Safety Features

Incorporating safety features such as emergency stop buttons, protective guards, and overload sensors to ensure operator safety during operation.

FIG.1 OF MOTORIZED CHAMBER FOR HAY MACHINE

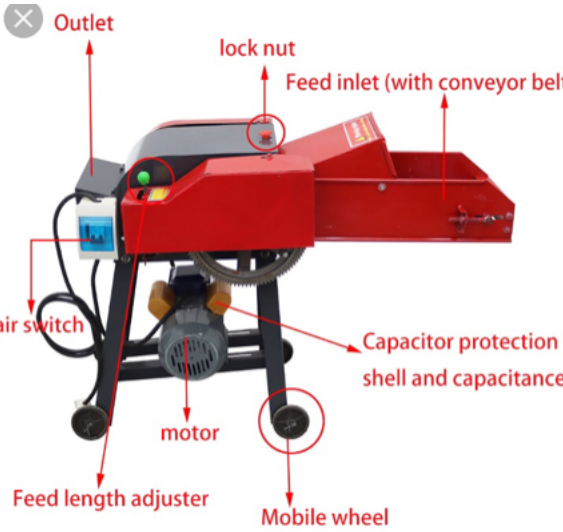

FIG.2 OF HAY CRUSHING MACHINE

CHAPTER FOUR

Chapter 4.0 Discussion

The design and construction of a motorized hay crushing machine involve several key considerations.

Key Components:

Crushing Mechanism: A robust mechanism is required to crush hay efficiently. This could involve a combination of rollers, blades, or hammers.

Motor Selection: A suitable motor must be selected to power the crushing mechanism, considering factors like torque, speed, and power output.

Chamber Design: The chamber must be designed to

accommodate the crushing mechanism and ensure efficient hay processing.

Safety Features: Safety features, such as guards and emergency stops, are essential to protect operators.

Design Considerations:

Material Selection: Materials used in construction should be durable and resistant to wear and tear.

Structural Integrity: The machine's structure must be designed to withstand stresses and loads imposed by the crushing mechanism.

Ease of Maintenance: The design should allow for easy maintenance and repair.

Operator Safety: The machine should be designed with operator safety in mind, including features like emergency stops and guards.

Construction:

Fabrication: Components should be fabricated using suitable techniques, such as welding or machining.

Assembly: Components should be assembled carefully to ensure proper alignment and function.

Testing: The machine should be thoroughly tested to ensure it operates efficiently and safely.

Benefits:

Increased Efficiency: A motorized hay crushing machine can significantly increase efficiency in hay processing.

Reduced Labor: Automation can reduce labor requirements and minimize manual handling.

Improved Safety: Safety features can reduce the risk of injury to operators.

Challenges:

Design Complexity: Designing a robust and efficient crushing mechanism can be complex.

Material Wear: Components may be subject to wear and

tear, requiring regular maintenance.

Power Requirements: The machine may require significant power, which can impact operating costs.

By carefully considering these factors, a motorized hay crushing machine can be designed and constructed to meet specific needs and improve efficiency in hay processing.

Chapter 4.1 Conclusion

The design and construction of a motorized hay crushing machine require careful consideration of several key factors, including the crushing mechanism, motor selection, chamber design, safety

features, and material selection. By following a structured design process and utilizing suitable materials and fabrication techniques, a machine can be built to efficiently crush hay while ensuring operator safety.

The benefits of such a machine include increased efficiency, reduced labor, and improved safety. However, challenges such as design complexity, material wear, and power requirements must be addressed through careful design and maintenance.

Overall, a well-designed and constructed motorized hay crushing machine can be a valuable asset for agricultural operations, enabling efficient and safe processing of hay.

Chapter 4.2 Reference

Agricultural Engineering Journals

Transactions of the ASAE - Focus on agricultural machinery design and performance.

Mechanical Engineering Journals

Mechanism and Machine Theory - Research on mechanical systems relevant for motorized design.

Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization - Research related to the efficiency and design aspects of agricultural machinery.

International Conference on Agricultural Engineering - Papers presented on the latest designs and technologies in agricultural machinery.
American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) Annual International Meeting - Contains presentations and papers on innovative designs and construction methods.
Agricultural Machinery: Principles of Operation by W. D. Dallara - Discusses machinery design principles, including

chapters
relevant to motorized systems.
Introduction to Agricultural Engineering
by R. A. Smith - Offers insights into
the systems and design.
Patent databases (e.g., Google Patents,
USPTO) - Search for patents related
to motorized chambers for hay
processing, which can provide
practical design insights.
Market Research Reports - Reports from
agricultural machinery firms
detailing innovations in motorized
hay equipment.

Manufacturer Technical Manual - Manuals from companies that produce hay machinery (like John Deere or New Holland), offering specifications and design insights.
University Theses - Look for theses or dissertations that focus on agricultural machinery design.
ResearchGate and Academia.edu - Platforms to find research articles and publications by scholars in the field.