

# BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT



**USEFUL INNOVATIONS** rise to the top, like the Perma-Column item we wrote about last winter. The laminated post attached to a ready-made concrete footer ended up with the most votes of any of our FinOvation Award winners. The commonsense design and convenience of the Perma-Column drew big interest. But our readers are not the only ones interested in the columns. Sales have exploded, and the company now has four franchised shops producing Perma-Columns around the Midwest, according to Phillip Stoller of Perma-Column. This is quite a leap for a company that just started in 2002. Stoller reports that the farm market has given the product its best reception. "They know that concrete will outperform wood," he explains.

A Perma-Column consists of a 10,000-psi concrete column that is buried below grade. A U-bracket welded to the column's rebar structure holds the wood column along with 1/2-in. through-bolts. The system is sized to accommodate three- and four-ply 2 x 6 columns and three- and four-ply 2 x 8 columns. Prices range from \$50 to \$100/column.

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