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Farm junk or jewels?

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By Suzanne Hill and Anna Moulder

What's at the bottom of your paddock? One man's trash is another man's treasure, but is 'farm junk' disappearing from paddocks across Australia?

You've seen it - the old drinking troughs, defunct fence posts, wagon wheels, machinery parts and retired tractors.

There's a huge market in taking these old pieces of 'farm junk' and selling them to scrap metal merchants. One Australian metal recycler says they've collected more than 100,000 tonnes of old farm yard junk over the past year alone.



This garden ornament has been created using an old screen from a header as well as other recycled materials. | Linda Kolokotas

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