

complaint is that it shifts a little hard."

Charles Donham, Iowa City, Iowa: "The power shift is great, visibility from the cab is excellent, and the electric sensor in the 3-pt. hitch is handier than a lever," says Charles about his "best buy" Case-IH 7110 tractor.

He says his Case-IH 4800 field cultivator is also a "best buy." "It allows trash to flow through and with the addition of the harrow adjuster the harrow can be lowered to make it more aggressive and allow even more trash through."

Mike Mechem, Clarion, Iowa: "Our Parker 5500 wagon is fine but the rims are weak and it doesn't have large enough tires. In the first couple weeks we wrecked two rims and 4 tires. All were covered by warranty but that didn't solve the problem."

On the plus side, Mike is happy with his Deere front-fold Max-Emerge planter. "Easy to transport, excellent seed placement, and it didn't need Trash Whippers like other planters I've used. Very simple to set and operate and we love the high resale value."

Gene Nance, Chesapeake, Ohio: Gene says his "best buy" is the Banks Engineering turbocharger kit he installed on his 1985 Ford F-350 pickup equipped with a 6.9-liter diesel engine (Gale Banks Engineering, 546 Duggan Ave., Azusa, Cal. 91702 ph 818

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969-9605). "It has so much more pulling power now that I wouldn't believe it if I hadn't tried it myself. On hills where I used to shift to second or third gear pulling 30,000 to 40,000 gross weight, I now top at 55 to 60 mph in fourth gear.

"The Ford F-350 is great, too. It has 94,000 miles and the only repair other than normal maintenance was to the water pump at 87,000 miles."

Gene's "worst buy" is his 1989 Gehl 160 disc mower. "The shear pin that allows the cutter bar to break away is located so that you have to remove a shield covering the belts to get to it. It's about a 30-min. job. The mower is also hard to adjust and it leaves streaks between the discs when cutting in heavy hay."

John Sonneveld, Welland, Ontario: A 1988 Deere 2555 tractor equipped with mechanical front wheel drive is John's "best buy." "It's an excellent utility tractor. The hydraulics are very powerful and quick. It has more than enough power and turns shorter than any other tractor I've driven. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Louie Janousek, Fairfax, S. Dak.: "My 1989 Deere 535 round baler is easy to operate and much faster than the Deere 510 model I had previously owned."

Jeff Frey, Willow Street, Penn.: "My 1989 Deere 752 no-till grain drill offers very good depth control and is easy to adjust. It's a well-designed machine."

William Yohn, Westminster, Md.: "It's a pleasure to operate," says William about his 1989 New Idea 5209 disc mower-conditioner. "I've used it to mow over 100 acres of the worst down hay I've ever had, with no stopping and not one problem. Wet conditions make no difference."

D.L. Goodwin, Monroe, Va.: He says his 1989 Deere 10504-WD tractor "doesn't bog down or swing when pulling two 14-ft. plows. It's a little slow, but makes up for it in versatility. However, the gears in high and low range need to be rearranged because the low reverse gear is too slow."

Clarence Dove, Seneca Falls, N.Y.: Clarence is pleased with his 1990 Case-IH 1840 Uniloader. "It's a real pleasure to run, has power to spare and responsive controls."

Alex Thomson, Woodbury, Conn.: A 1981 Toyota diesel pickup is Alex's "best buy." "I bought it as a demonstrator with 20,000 miles. The only problem has been some bearings in the transmission. It now has 110,000 miles and still runs great."

On the negative side are Taiwanese hand tools sold by Harbor Freight Salvage Co. "The combination end wrenches spread open like a green tree branch. Cutting edges such as chisels are a joke. I've had some luck with 3/4-in. drive socket sets, but that's it."

Linden Smith, Augusta, N.J.: A 1989 Lucknow 285 mixer feeder wagon is his "best buy." "It does an excellent job of mixing and is much heavier built and cost many thousands of dollars less than other similar size rigs. The only problem is that the Eaton scales are somewhat erratic."

Don Bulechek, Iowa City, Iowa: "It works better than a 3-wheeler ATV, a horse, or a motorcycle for driving cattle and checking fence," reports Don, pleased with his 1988 Polaris 4-WD ATV. "The engine starts year around and idles very well at gates. The automatic transmission lets me walk alongside while I operate the throttle."

Clarence Rupel, Elida, Ohio: Clarence has had trouble with his Allis-Chalmers 920 lawn mower. "It's equipped with a Lombardini engine. The Spanish-made voltage regulator cost \$167 to replace and the German-made starter cost \$400 to replace."

Pat Kluz, Waupun, Wis.: "I'm really happy with the fuel economy and power of my 1989 Deutz-Allis 7120 tractor."

Bradley Mills, Haviland, Ohio: A 1988 Case-IH front wheel drive 3394 tractor rates as Bradley's "best buy." "It's got plenty of power and has over 1,200 trouble-free hours."

"My 1990 Case-IH 183 row crop cultivator is another best buy. It has a good heavy toolbar and does a good job of digging."

James Ellis, Calhoun, Ga.: "Bale after bale comes out looking super," says James, pleased with his "best buy" 1986 Vicon 1210 roll baler. "We've had only a few

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minor problems with this baler. The bearings and belts are easy to replace."

James says his "worst buy" is his New Holland 316 baler. "Bale length is a problem as the bales vary from 26 to 54 in. in the same field. We've had unfulfilled promises from the company, but after three years the problem still exists."

Tom Wilson, Killbuck, Ohio: Tom's had trouble with his 1987 Ford F-350 pickup equipped with a dump bed and a 3:55 rear end ratio. "The rear end ratio is geared too high. It works great for turnpike driving, but not for hauling heavy loads. The first time I

got into a soft spot with a load on I couldn't even back up. After calling for months to the regional offices and to Detroit, the company finally agreed that a 4:10 ratio would work better and installed one at their expense. The new ratio has helped tremendously."

Ken Luebke, Manitowoc, Wis.: "It has lots of power, pulls well, and has been trouble-free," says Ken, happy with his 1989 Deutz-Allis 9170 4-WD tractor.

Ken also likes his Karcher model 570 pressure washer. "It works great and I like the adjustable pressure feature."

Jim Kirkpatrick, Johnstown, Ohio: A 1989 Honda Accord LX and a 1982 Honda Civic rate as Jim's "best buys." "Both cars have low maintenance requirements, and great fuel mileage and resale value. I'll never go back to American-made cars and trucks."

Raymond Kenia, Clarks Summit, Penn.: "My 1970 Massey Ferguson model 12 baler, which I bought used 12 years ago, is a best buy. It very seldom misses a bale."

Howard Amrhein, Ypsilanti, Mich.: "My Morton pole building was constructed in just one week. It's an excellent building. No problems at all."

Loren Cumming, Mapleton, Minn.: Loren says his Vermeer 605-G round baler is a "best buy." "It's built to stand up to many years of use under all conditions."

Paul Wallis, Granton, Ontario: Paul says his 1988 Deere 430 and 1989 Deere 435 round balers "have been very reliable. However, sometimes the stems get under the twine knife and prevent twine cutting. Wind can also interfere with twine tying."

"My 1987 Gehl 1460 round baler is a worst buy. The belts constantly break and wrap around the top pulley. It cost \$400 to fix."

Martin Mackenthun, Frazee, Minn.: Martin rates his 1989 Ford Super Cab pickup equipped with a 6-cylinder fuel-injected engine and 8-ft. box as a "best buy." "It's a smooth rider and gets 23 mpg."

Ralph Evanson, Ulen, Minn.: "It's a joy to drive," says Ralph about his 1989 Deere 4255 tractor. "It has lots of power, shifts smooth, is easy on fuel, and has a great cab."

Howard Pletcher, Alexandria, Minn.: "My Morris chisel plow does a great job. It has automatic reset shanks so it doesn't pull up as many rocks as other brands."

Brian Borchardt, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.: Brian's "best buy" is his 1989 Hesston 4570 baler. "It makes an excellent bale and has great capacity. We've used it to make about 20,000 bales so far. I especially like the in-line design because it eliminates the need to drive over another windrow when opening a field."

William Waggoner, Dunkirk, Ohio: "My International 510 21 by 7 Soybean Special drill is a best buy. It's accurate both in seeding rate and depth control. Holds enough seed for nearly 20 acres of soybeans at a time. I pull it behind a home-built one-pass tillage tool using shanks, 1-bar harrow, and a rolling harrow to incorporate chemicals."

Homer Goyings, Paulding, Ohio: Homer is happy with his Dixon 427 ZTR lawn mower. "It cuts clean on corners and is easy to maneuver around trees, flower beds, and house, and requires absolutely no trimming afterward. It cuts mowing time in half. The only maintenance has been to sharpen the blades."

Kenneth Mersch, Eagle Grove, Iowa: Kenneth likes his 1990 Deere 4555 tractor equipped with mechanical front wheel drive. "I used it to pull a Deere 960 field cultivator

this spring and apply herbicides without the use of dual tires. My sprayer is equipped with a hydraulic pump that makes it easy to attach to tractor which has a radar acre and speed monitor."

Steve Weisbrod, Canastota, N.Y.: Steve nominates his Deere 9500 combine as his "best buy." "Its threshing capacity is awesome. A 6-row corn head really isn't big enough for this combine."

His 1990 Deere 7200 12-row corn planter is also a "best buy." "It's more convenient to adjust and service than the Deere 7000 planter I had owned. The automatic marker control works well, but I wish it had manual control."

Gary Stevens, Loma, Mont.: Dunlop Elite radial tires head Gary's "worst buy" list. "These tires have a 60,000 mile guarantee, but so far none have lasted more than 14,000 miles. I bought three complete sets of the tires and have three of the twelve tires left after nine months. The warranty is a joke."

Andrew Spencer, Arkport, N.Y.: "My 'best buy' 1990 Case-IH 900 6-row corn planter works great. I used it to plant nearly 900 acres last spring with only a few minor problems."

Andrew says his 1989 Deere 9500 combine "has tremendous capacity. I felt it was somewhat underpowered, but the company has solved the problem."

Ronald Bersie, Waverly, Minn.: "It cuts down and tangled hay with ease and makes a nice windrow," says Ronald, pleased with his 1990 New Holland 499 hydro swing haybine.

Albert Meyer, Jr., Gaylord, Minn.: Albert is happy with his 1990 Ford F-150 pickup. "It gets good gas mileage and hasn't broken down yet."

Donald Klehm, Dwight, Ill.: Donald's had problems with his 1990 Ford 3/4-ton 4-WD Super Cab pickup. "It's equipped with an overdrive automatic transmission, 4.10:1 ratio rear end, and 460 cu. in. engine for pulling heavy loads. It rides better than most cars, but the mileage, even with fuel injection, is terrible. Also with all the advances in the paint industry I can't believe they don't use paint that doesn't chip so easily."

"My 1989 Top Air trailer sprayer, equipped with a 500-gal. tank and 42-ft. boom, is a best buy. It's very well constructed and can be used between the tractor and implement. With this 'Master Link' option, the wheels are on walking tandem axles and can be widened to 120 inches. When set up this way the sprayer and boom (equipped with Spraying Systems nozzles) rides better than the tractor pulling it."

"Another best buy is my 32-ft. Fuerst chain link harrow and cart. It does an excellent job of chopping corn stalks, breaking clods, and incorporating herbicides. However, it should have a longer hitch so I could pull it behind comparable size disks and cultivators."

Lloyd Payne, Orient, S. Dak.: Lloyd's pleased with his Stihl chain saws, including an 11-lb. 015 model equipped with a 12-in. bar and a 16-lb. 028 model equipped with a 16-in. bar. He also likes his 21-lb. Dolmar 122 model equipped with a 21-in. bar. "They all start easy, handle well, and are trouble-free. Noise levels are acceptable."

Henry Boerner, Douglas, Wyo.: "My worst buy is 2,100 ft. of 12-in. gated pipe and 2,100 ft. of 10-in. gated pipe made by Kroey which I bought last year. All the

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