

Artsway grinder mixer scale caused us trouble until we found it had a faulty weigh bar. Our dealer took care of it quickly, though, with help from the company. They sent us another weigh bar free of charge."

Harold is pleased with his Case-IH 1460 Axial Flow combine which he bought used with only 180 hours on it. "We love the air conditioning, and the cab provides a good all-around view. The combine has plenty of power and runs smoothly with little vibration."

Curt Cornelison, Monroe City, Ind.: Curt nominates his 1980 Deere 454A row crop bean head as "best buy." "When I used a grain head in soybeans, I could hear beans bouncing off the cab's front glass. With Deere's bean head, I haven't heard a single one and I can run as fast as I can stay on the row. We've had little maintenance and no repairs so far."

George Yates, Somerset, Wis.: George likes his 1987 New Holland 116 mower conditioner equipped with two 8-ft. sickles. "We've used it to cut over 2,000 acres. It does a good job of cutting and makes a good windrow in short hay. However, it does have a problem with overlap sections that wear out and come loose."

A 1978 Allis-Chalmers 7080 tractor, bought used, rates as a "worst buy." "It has a good engine, but shifting is done with cables which tend to bind. We finally bought a floor shift for it and that helped. The clutch was a problem, and we had trouble with transmission gears. When we did use it in the field, the cab was uncomfortable. This tractor is for sale."

He's also unhappy with his 1988 Volkswagen Fox station wagon. "As I drove it home from the dealer, the lights on the right hand side quit working. A dealer 50 miles away fixed it, but I had to have someone drive me home. Then the passenger door handle pulled off. Also, struts on the rear tail door wouldn't hold the door open and the latch wouldn't always latch. A dealer fixed everything under warranty. Now the car runs and handles well."

Gerald Ohs, Harrison, Mont.: He nominates his four T-L center pivots, which he purchased in 1985, as "best buys." "They're well-designed and maintenance is extremely low. The only operating expense is changing the oil filters each year."

Friend Tibbitts, New Hartford, N.Y.: A Black & Decker 14-in. cut-off saw ranks as Friend's "best buy." "I've owned it four years. The 14-in. cutting wheel cuts just about anything. I wish I'd had one 50 years ago. This tool is a great help in repairing and redesigning equipment."

Clint Land Sr., Salem, Mo.: "The air-cooled engine is great, it starts easy in winter and burns less fuel than our old 85 hp tractor pulling the same load," says Clint, pleased

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with his 1987 Deutz-Allis 7110 tractor. "We used it in 100° heat this summer, but the engine never ran hot. The air conditioner worked well, too."

Ernie Wulff, Morinville, Alberta: "We ordered 100 hybrid willow trees from Australia after reading about them in FARM SHOW. They grow just as fast as the company claimed, about 1 ft. per month in the summer. So far I'm really pleased." (Aus-

tree, 3145 Geary Boulevard, Suite 623, San Francisco, Calif. 94118 (ph 800 638-1441 or 415 668-1818).

Kenneth Stone, Rembrandt, Iowa: "Our worst buy is a 1986 Mazda B-2000 pickup. We purchased it new in July, 1987 and within six months rust began to show on the fender wells inside the box and on the back of the cab. We drove the pickup 90 miles back to the dealer, but he said there was nothing he could do even though the pickup carries a three-year unlimited mileage rust protection warranty because we live on a gravel road. He said gravel was peeling the undercoating off the underside of the wheel wells. But I only go 1 1/2 to 2 miles on gravel each day. This pickup is also the roughest riding vehicle I've ever owned."

Gene Banwart, Liberal, Mo.: Heading his "best buy" list is a 1987 Sukup 6-row cultivator designed for ridge-till or no-till. "It takes some time to adjust, but it does an excellent job even for conventional cultivating. Once it's set, you can drive just as fast as you can stay on the row."

Herb Emmil, Belfield, N. Dak.: Herb's "best buy" is a 1987 Deere 530 baler. "It's easy to operate and makes good, tight bales."

Alvin Hoefing, Pocahontas, Iowa: Alvin is happy with his 67-ft. long, 8-in. dia. Koyker Super 85C auger, bought new in 1987. "It has more capacity than any auger I've ever used, runs smoothly and doesn't throw grain all over when it's not full."

Vern Olson, Fullerton, Neb.: "One day as I was hauling hogs to the packing plant, tread started flying everywhere," says Vern, unhappy with Firestone transport trailer tires. "These tires were on my new livestock trailer when I bought it. I ran them about 5,000 miles. Then the tread started flying. One of the tires developed a sidewall that looked like it could have puppies at any time. My local dealer replaced the defective tires but I never feel safe with them on the trailer."

Vern is pleased with Supple-Lix cattle supplement from Missouri Livestock Supplement (Rt. 1, Box 84-BB, New Franklin, Mo.) "Since we started using it last year, our cows are more content and stay in better condition even when we feed lower quality feed. The product comes in easy-to-use 250-lb. tubs and requires no special equipment. It's available in different formulas for varying conditions and nutritional needs."

Lloyd Heim, Sandborn, Ind.: A Westfield pto-powered grain auger, 61-ft. long and 8 in. in dia., ranks as Lloyd's "best buy." "It's well-balanced, easy to move, runs quiet, and has a screen to remove fines."

Max Thompson, Belleville, Kan.: "My 1987 Dodge Dakota 4-WD with a 3.9 V-6 engine is a jewel. The truck rides like a car, has lots of power and pep, and gets 20 mpg. My dealer has given me five-star service."

L.A. Fischhaber, Marshall, Mich.: He likes his 1981 Oldsmobile Regency. "It's the third used Olds I've owned in the past 10 years. No major problems and all of them have run over 200,000 miles."

He ranks his 22-in. Model LM 21SB Ariens power mower as "worst buy." "It's in the shop more often than at home. The clutch assembly doesn't hold up under stop-and-start conditions. I'd buy another Ariens but not this model."

"My worst buy is a Belarus 520 4-WD tractor. All we've had is problems."

Fabian Schaaf, Foley, Minn.: His best buy is a 1987 Minnesota 135 manure spreader. "No problems and it cost less than the competition."

Robert Polzin, Grand Blanc, Mich.: "The 3800 V-6 engine has the power of a V-8 engine and is so smooth I hardly know it's running," says Robert about his 1988 Buick LeSabre.

Orville Mishler, Scotts, Mich.: "I never had the tires off in 60,000 miles and went through only one set of plugs," says Orville about his "best buy" 1985 front-wheel drive Oldsmobile 98. "It averaged 30 mpg and handled and rode well. Recently I traded it for a 1988 Olds 98 which, after 10,000 miles, appears to be just as good."

Orville says he's also happy with his Deere 2940 tractor with mechanical front-wheel drive.

Paul Kuhn, Genoa, Ill.: "It's the most comfortable, quiet combine I've ever used, and has plenty of capacity," says Paul about his Case-IH 1660 combine. "I can pick 150 bu. corn at 6.6 mph. We had a New Holland TR70 before this one and it had much less capacity. It's like comparing a Volkswagen to a Cadillac."

R. Douglas Coppedge, Etlan, Va.: He nominates his Deere 430 round baler as "best buy." "It has so much capacity I can't pull it as fast as it can take the hay."

Leslie Johnson, Shell Rock, Iowa: "My best buy 1988 Chevrolet 2500 4-WD rides and handles beautifully. It gets good gas mileage and the 4-wheel shift works like a dream."

Raymond Steinhour, Green-view, Ill.: He's happy with his 1988 Krause 4900 disk. "It's built heavy, penetrates well, and disks level."

Steinhour also nominates his 1986 Case-IH 800 planter as "best buy." "It's trouble-free and is truly a no-till planter."

Irwin McCullough, Sharpsville, Penn.: "We worked 53 acres of wheat on one tank of fuel," says Irwin about his New Idea 818 combine with a Cummins engine. "It's a little noisy, but isn't too noticeable in the air conditioned cab."

He says his "worst buy" is a Dickey-John planter monitor, mounted on an International Harvester planter. "The connections corroded quickly and it worked inac-

"It worked inaccurately or not at all."

curately or not at all. I spent too much time tinkering with it so I unhooked it. The planter is so accurate it doesn't need a monitor."

Glenn Putnam, Meredosia, Ill.: Glenn had trouble with his 1988 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pickup, equipped with a 350 fuel-injected engine. "It was running 1,200 rpm's at idle and the dealership mechanic couldn't slow it down. I finally called the Chevrolet Motor Division for advice on how to fix it. I'm pleased with it now but why don't they teach the mechanics how to work on the computers that control the idle? They'd save their customers a lot of headaches."

David Meyer, West Union, Iowa: He likes his "best buy" 1988 Ford F-250 4-WD pickup, a 5-speed equipped with a 302 V-8 engine. "It's the most truck for the least money and offers good economy, comfort, power and looks. Everything under the hood is within easy reach. One problem is that reverse does seem geared a little high."

On the negative side, "My Double L bale rack is built tough, but the side and front doors are flimsy. When the front swing-down door is lowered on each side of the

rack, it's held in place with a chain. To place bales on the conveyor, I have to lift them over the chain."

Arvene Doering, Hubbard, Iowa: He equipped his Case 1370 tractor with "100+" Power Additive made by Midwest Power Concepts, (P.O. Box 10, Radcliffe, Iowa 50230 ph 800 247-0504). "The system, which consists of an injector mounted on the rear side of the turbo charger, has cut fuel consumption about 10% and increased horsepower 10% for a very reasonable price."

Lyle Flannagan, Hopkinton, Iowa: "My best buy is a 1987 Stihl 028AV chain saw. No problems."

I.J. Seubert, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.: "It's a piece of plastic junk," says Seubert, disappointed with his Homelite 240 chain saw. "From the first start, it ran erratically. We made numerous adjustments, but ended up disassembling it. Finally we got it to run but not perfectly."

On the "best buy" side, Seubert is pleased with the Castrol GTX oil he uses in his pickup and car engines. "The engines were slugged up with Pennzoil. After three oil and filter changes, Castrol GTX oil cleaned out the engines, freed the rings, and stopped the oil consumption."

Lester Rodgers, Ozark, Ill.: Lester's "worst buy" is a 1983 Ford F-150 pickup. "First it wouldn't start properly. Then the carburetor needed a new needle valve and seat. Next we had problems with the rear axle, as well as with a dimmer switch, wiper blade and back-up light bulb. Also, I don't like the caster and camber settings up front."

Leonard Navrat, Marion, Kan.: "My 'worst buy' is a 1988 Ford F-150 4-WD pickup. It slips out of automatic gear when I'm driving, and speeds up spontaneously when on cruise control. The motor is noisy, but four dealers tell me there's no problem."

Steve Grimes, Markleville, Ind.: "This is the Cadillac of grain augers," says Steve, happy with his Hutchinson 10-in. by 57-ft. auger. "It's got great capacity and internal bearings let it run as quiet empty as when it's full. It's built heavy, too."

On the negative side, "We had to replace bearings twice each season on our Cardinal 8-in. by 56-ft. grain auger. During the first season of use, the gear box broke off the mounting bracket. After two seasons, the auger flighting was worn paper thin."

Carl Reicherts, Clear Lake, Iowa: "My Black & Decker 9-in. 7715 miter saw is easy to use, accurate and has plenty of power."

James Barbour, Hallstead, Penn.: His "best buy" is a Deutz 6806 4-WD tractor, purchased four years ago. "It starts excellent even in cold weather, and uses less fuel than any tractor I've owned."

Alfred Rod, Sublette, Ill.: Carl is happy with his Iveco truck but he has received poor service. "This truck has a Chrysler automatic transmission, and the transmission cooler is run by an electric motor. When the wiring harness shorted out, they couldn't get parts and didn't know how to wire it back up. We had more problems when the transmission started to act up."

Wendell Lindgren, Edgar, Neb.: "My Deck Slider, a sliding cargo deck for pickups, is a 'best buy'. It covers the entire bed of the pickup so I can load and unload without climbing into the box. It's sturdy enough to handle a 100 gal. tank full of gas. I added a 2 by 6 on three sides to contain the load." (Deck Slider, 7010 Dresser Drive

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