

when turning, which makes it easy to maneuver around feedlots. The only complaint I have about the tractor is that they moved the gear shift forward on the 55 Series to make it easier to get on and off. The problem is that it's more difficult to shift."

Larry Williams, Lytton, Iowa: "My best buy is FARM SHOW magazine, which my 15-year-old son reads from cover to cover. He saves every issue for future reference."

"I'm also happy with my 1987 Mirafount hog waterers with lift-up lids. "They're energy-free which means no heat is needed to keep them from freezing. They work well even in 20° below zero weather. They're also fairly priced."

"Another good buy is our Apple IIGS computer. It makes record keeping a joy and is very user friendly."

Paul Dozier, Benton, Miss.: "At less than 5,000 miles, the engine head had to be replaced. Also, the engine has never idled right. Now, at less than 7,000 miles, wind noise is getting worse inside," he says about his 1987 S-15 GMC pickup.

Paul's "best buy" is a 1987 Bush Hog SQ72 mower. "It cuts both grass and weeds evenly. Blades stay sharp, it has little vibration and it's very well made. A good buy for the money."

Neil Kruger, Warren, Minn.: "My 1985 Volkswagen Jetta diesel auto has good power, handles beautifully, is very comfortable, and gets 45 to 50 mpg. At 50,000 miles it has given no mechanical problems."

"Our 1480 Case-IH Axial Flow combine does an excellent job harvesting small grains, soybeans, corn and sunflowers. Good dealer service, too."

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plugs regularly. The dealer wouldn't admit that he didn't know what the problem was. After 3 years and much out-of-pocket expense we finally got Ford to solve the problem. The diesel pump also was faulty and had to be overhauled. It drives nice but gets only 15 to 20 mpg with no load."

Jim D. Hansen, Bloomer, Wis.: "Because of the slippery surfaces of the floor and sides of our best buy 1987 H & S 185 manure spreader, it takes a lot less power to run. Even in sub-zero temperatures manure doesn't stick or freeze. Very easy to clean up."

Roger A. Meyer, Postville, Iowa: "This 1987 Kewanee 8-in. by 66-ft. grain auger has a 10-ft. screen section that does an excellent job removing fines and bees wings. Bottom fighting is cupped, giving the auger tremendous capacity."

Dan Hutchinson, Marion, Mich.: He's had trouble with his "worst buy" 1985 Ford F-250 diesel pickup. "The dealer said we'd get 18 to 20 mpg but I only get 10 to 13 mpg. Seven months after buying it, diesel fuel began turning up in the engine oil. After 3 1/2 months, many phone calls, and several trips to the dealer, they finally replaced the fuel pump. Since the repair, the engine has low pressure and uses an excessive amount

of oil. The dealer won't do anything about the use of oil so I contacted Ford customer service in Detroit. They sent me back to the dealer. Now, a year and a half later, I just keep adding more oil."

On the positive side, Dan's pleased with his 1986 Same 130 FWD tractor. "This is the second Same tractor I've purchased. They both run almost trouble-free, get excellent fuel economy, and are easy to operate. This tractor's air-cooled engine starts at 20° below zero without the use of starting fluid, glow plugs or block heater."

Joe R. Park, Tupperville, Ontario: "My best buy is a 1982 Versatile 895 tractor except for one big exception. The tractor has tremendous power. It pulls a Deere 3600 10-bottom, 18-in. plow 7 in. deep at 5 1/2 mph at 2,100 rpm's. You can throttle back to 1,200 rpm's and back up to 2,100 rpm's without lifting the plow. What power! The problem is that I've broken three axle yokes - two on the front right and one on the front left. My dealer fixed the first two free but I fixed the third one for a cost of \$1,100. It's too bad Versatile won't recognize the problem. Their response is like most other companies in this situation. They say I'm the first person who's ever had that type of breakdown."

James Barrett, Newton, Ala.: His "best buy" is a 1987 Massey Ferguson 1030 4-WD diesel tractor. "The tractor is easy to drive and easy to get on and off. It has as much power as the larger tractor I traded in and quality workmanship in design and assembly throughout. I bought the tractor with a front-end loader that also works great. This is an excellent machine for smaller landowners."

David W. Wiegand, Drakesville, Iowa: David's happy with his 1986 Brent 320 410-bu. grain cart. "It's well balanced and the bottom door is handy when dumping into our pit. We don't have to auger the grain as much. The cart pulls easy in soft fields on big tires. Pulls easily behind our 2-WD tractor."

Also on the positive side, he's had good luck with his 1460 International Axial Flow combine. "It has great capacity, is very easy to service, and starts and runs well. Very fuel efficient and it's a pleasure to operate thanks to the quiet and roomy cab. Good visibility."

Paul Klingenberg, Parkersburg, Iowa: "Our 1987 Deere Titan II 6620 combine handles and performs like a dream. Easy maintenance and adjustments. Comfortable cab. I buy all Deere equipment and I haven't got a complaint."

Richard Bebler, Wells, Minn.: "I'd buy another one. I'm completely satisfied," says Richard about his "best buy" 1987 Deere 712 mulch tiller. "I tried different brands. I bought this one because it stays in the ground wherever you put it and also does an excellent job covering."

Ken Ollendieck, Buckingham, Iowa: "My son's worst buy and my biggest headache is a 1978 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The car's V-6 231 cu. in. engine should be put in the backyard of the people that designed it. It's got a weak oil pump and oil passages in the engine plug up. This is the last 231 V-6 we'll buy."

Ken's White 8-30 Field Boss planter is his "best buy". "I like the ease of transport and accurate seed placement. Whatever rate you set it at, that's what you get."

James J. Newell, Jonesville, Mich.: "My best buy 1986 Homelite Super XL chainsaw with a 20-in. bar always starts and runs well. I've used it many hours with no

trouble. I also have a 1971 Homelite 150 which I've used regularly since buying it new. I've spent only about \$20 for repair parts on the saw in 17 years of use."

Bill Crain, Helena, Okla.: "One of our best buys ever is a cow walker purchased 10 years ago from Kenneth Hooper of Hastings, Okla. (ph 405 963-2365). We use it ourselves and rent it out for \$1.50 per day. Although it hasn't saved every cow, it sure has saved a lot of them. It's towable behind a car or pickup and can't be beat for taking right to the down cow to lift her up and bring her back to the barn. One person working alone can handle a disabled animal with this handy rig."

David J. Hefty, Mt. Horeb, Wis.: "Our 1987 Ford F-150 has the new in-line fuel injection, 6-cyl. 300 cu. in. engine. It has lots of horsepower and gets 22 mpg on the highway. It already has 13,000 trouble-free miles," says David about his "best buy".

On the minus side, he's disappointed with his Massey Ferguson Super 90 tractor. "It's been in the shop every spring for the past four years. The hydraulic clutch slips."

James W. Bell, Jr., Clarksville, Tenn.: He's pleased with his "best buy" Melroe 220 Spra-Coupe. "It allows us to spray faster, more accurately and in more situations than ever. The spray monitor and controller option allow worry-free spraying. The optional wide front end lets us spray wheat, narrow row soybeans and corn with no crop damage."

James has also had good luck with his Apple Macintosh SE computer with a 20 meg hard drive. "The speed, ease of use and software availability make it easily the best computer package on the market for agriculture or any other business."

Dennis Klindworth, Mazepa, Minn.: "Sili Prime is the only dry preservative that works on baled hay. I put about 20,000 bales up per year. It keeps the tough hay from molding. This allows us to bale fresher hay and better quality. My hay buyer is also pleased."

Keith Lindell, Lenox, Iowa: "It's a great-running tractor. My wife runs it all the time," says Keith about his 4650 Deere tractor with front-wheel assist. "The Power Shift transmission is great and the front-wheel drive is well worth the money."

Ray Hicks, Andalusia, Ala.: A Hardy outside wood-burning stove heads his "best buy" list. "It does a wonderful job of heating my house and water with less wood than I ever imagined. Excellent performance."

On the minus side, he's had trouble with his 1986 Ford F-250 pickup. "Gasoline consumption is high at less than 10 mpg. At about 5,000 miles the passenger door got out of adjustment. The dealer fixed that but now the door won't unlock from the outside."

Martin Larson, Remsen, Iowa: "Workmanship is excellent on our concrete hog feeder from Hedstrom Concrete Products, Woodbine, Iowa. The price is competitive and, best of all, I can adjust each door separately so feed loss is just about nothing. The way it's built I think it will last forever."

"Another best buy is our 8-in. by 57-ft. direct drive auger from Sudenga Industries, George, Iowa. The auger is easy to maneuver, fast and economical to operate, and the hydraulic truck hopper works perfectly. It made harvest much easier this year."

Brian Herbst, Kasson, Minn.: "Before buying my best buy 1987 Deutz-Allis R-60

combine, I owned an N-6 Allis Chalmers. I was very satisfied with the N-6 but the R-60 has much more power reserve with the air-cooled engine. It starts great in cold weather and the engine runs at a much cooler temperature. There is improvement inside the machine, too, with new accelerator rolls, drive gear and a higher and longer unloader auger tube. This combine looks to have a long life expectancy."

Robert Fotheringham, Seaforth, Ontario: He names his 1984 International 4000 swather as "worst buy". "The first year we had to put all new bearings in the rollers on the draper head. I also had to replace the canvas and one of the roller assemblies. Our dealer stood behind the product 100% but I was out my time and labor. When I traded off my old swather - an International 230 - after 8 years of cutting 500 to 600 acres per year, it still had the original draper and rollers."

Robert's pleased with his 1987 Haybuster rock picker. "I'm pleased with its speed and how dirt-free the rocks are. I picked 85 acres in 11 hrs., dumping 50 full dump loads. Each load consisted of 4 dumps of the Haybuster."

Vernon Schulze, Humboldt, Iowa: Vernon's been pleased overall with his 1987 Case-IH model 14 V-ripper chisel. "I had a problem at first. One of the automatic spring trips came apart because it had not been put together right at the factory. But the serviceman and I figured it out. I removed all the trip shim blocks because the shanks tripped too easy. I have a lot of rocks and it's doing a fine job now."

Frank Tuma, Laurens, Iowa: "I bought this pickup with 130,000 miles on it and it now has 190,000 miles. The only serious problem it's had is that reverse went out. It's a good heavy-duty pickup that can stand up to hard work," says Frank about his "best buy" 1974 International 3/4-ton 4-WD.

C.G. Cline, Waskom, Texas: "My Farmhand front-end loader makes it easy to connect and disconnect to many different attachments for lots of jobs. I strongly recommend this loader."

Lee Hutchison, Toronto, Ohio: He's happy with his 1985 GMC 2500 truck. "I like it because it can pull a big load with no trouble at all. It's heavy enough to easily handle my big stock trailer."

Richard Thompson, Sewickley, Penn.: "Our 1985 Kubota M8950 tractor is a wonderful machine with excellent power and fuel economy. It has not disappointed us in 3 years of operation. I like the easy shifting and heavy hydraulics. Easily handles our Kuhn FC300 mower-conditioner, which is also a best buy."

Ben Benefiel, Anderson, Ind.: He's happy with his 1984 White 2-155 tractor. "We had some injector pump problems in the first 50 hrs. of operation but our dealer quickly and courteously remedied the problem. Since then we have had no problems in more than 3 years of use. We really enjoy the power and operator comfort of the machine."

Walt Hanefeld, Continental, Ohio: "I'm not too pleased with my 1985 Buick Century. I've had a lot of trouble with the rack and pinion steering. The seats are uncomfortable and it has no headroom. These cars are not worth what GM charges for them."

Frank Stehno, Stratton, Neb.: "Our 1985 Allis Chalmers N-6 combine has not

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