

"I'm also happy with my 6080 **Allis Chalmers** 4-WD. I bought it last winter with 900 hrs. It has power enough to pull my 7-tooth chisel plow with 4-in. shovels and is very economical for cutting and baling hay.

"My 643 **Bobcat** skid steer loader has so far held up well under rugged use during its first 170 hrs. The Kubota 3-cyl. diesel engine starts well in cold weather. Has good power and speed.

Ivan Nisly, Independence, Ore.: "I haven't bought anything new lately but both my 1980 **White** 2-62 tractor and my 1979 **Ford** 250 pickup have been best buys. They've given us good, nearly trouble-free service."

M. Heitstuman, Uniontown, Wash. "I nominate **FARM SHOW** as best buy because it tells us about new products far ahead of other publications. In your Vol. 10, No. 3 issue you featured the **Winn-O-Bar** invented by Cliff Usick (Winn-O-Bar, P.O. Box 39, Newdale, Manitoba R0J 1J0 Canada).

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This add-on unit for combines consists of 16-in. long steel fingers that mount in place of the vibrating shoe and finger bar on most combines. The idea behind this invention looked good to me so I ordered one and installed it on an "MH" Gleaner, which is the hillside special of the "M". The results are hard to believe. Cutting 70 bu. wheat at 5 mph there was no shoe loss, no grain in the return, and the grain in the tank was the cleanest I've ever seen. If every combine was fitted with a **Winn-O-Bar** our export buyers would not complain about the quality of our grain."

Philip M. Sprenkle, Spring Grove, Penn.: "It makes nice tight bales and doesn't leave leaves in the field. It's also easy to service. The dealer backed it up 100% after two breakdowns and had it going the same day," says Phillip about his "best buy" 1210 **Vicon** baler.

Gerald C. Johnson, Milaca, Minn.: "Worked just the opposite from what they claim," says Gerald, disappointed with his "worst buy" 1984 **Acorn** silo unloader.

He's pleased with both his **Deere** 2440 and **International** 1086 tractors. "No problem with either machine."

Carl W. Lucas, Ashville, N.Y.: "My best buy is a 1986 **Yamaha** 4-wheeler. When the land is wet and soft I use it to pull a small ground driven manure spreader when I need to spread manure. It's also a good woods machine. It'll pull a trailer with one full cord of wood or 15 65-lb. bales of hay. It's like a second tractor."

James Reid, Sacred Heart, Minn.: "In February, 1985, I purchased a new **Chevrolet** 6.2 diesel pickup. All of the glow plugs were burned up and the pickup had to be towed off the

transport. Both heads had to be removed in order to remove the glow plug tips, which broke off and fell into the cylinders.

"In April, 1985, a noise developed in the 4-speed manual transmission. I replaced the gear sync and hub assembly but the noise reappeared when the transmission got hot. I changed to 80-140 fluid but that didn't help. I then pulled the transmission and installed new bushings. Still no improvement. In May of this year, I removed and replaced the transmission with a used 1974 4-speed manual transmission. I now have a nice, quiet running pickup."

Donald Krause, Broadview, Mont.: "I like everything about my 1981 **Chevy** Cheyenne 1/2-ton pickup with diesel engine except the paint, which is terrible. Six months after I bought it, paint began to scale off the tailgate. I use the pickup like a car. The dealer offered me \$75 for a patch job which I felt was a slap in the face."

On the "best buy" side Donald nominates his **Deere** 330 round baler. "The salesman brought it out, told me a little about it and left. I was busy so I put my wife on it. She'd never been on the tractor, let alone pulled a baler, but she enjoyed it and had no trouble."

Jacob Rogalsky, Glenlea, Man.: "It's well-built and seeding rate is accurate and easy to set. Worked great seeding 7 to 8 lbs. of rapeseed per acre," says Jacob about his "best buy" **Coop** Implements 15-ft. disker with fertilizer and seeding box.

Bradley Buns, Woden, Iowa: "My best buy 1981 **Versatile** 555 tractor is one of the easiest pieces of machinery I own to repair if it breaks down."

Jack Dukes, Cullman, Ala.: "My 1985 **Deere** 850 tractor has been very reliable. The only problem has been with the pto clutch but my dealer fixed it promptly.

"My worst buy is a **Sears** Hydro-glass shallow well jet pump. I installed the pump a few months after I received it. After about 8 months the shaft seal started leaking. I waited more than a month before receiving the part."

Marvin Ristau, Mansfield, S. Dak.: "It's never worked more than 3 days without repair. Wires fell off, transformers burned out, the nozzle wouldn't maintain the proper spray pattern and it had other problems. They may work for occasional use in a shop, but they can't cope with the humidity or dust that livestock create," says Marvin disappointed with a **Knipco** 125,000 btu heater bought to provide supplemental heat in a farrowing barn.

Marvin's 1977 Deere 7000 corn planter is his "best buy". "The stand and emergence of corn and milo are far superior to that of the IH Cyclo planter I traded off. I feel the extra yield from the improved stand paid for the planter the first year."

Lonie Rohr, Gladstone, N. Dak.: A 1985 **International** 5288 tractor tops Lonie's "best buy" list. "It has all the power I need. All the controls are positioned well and the seat's comfortable. Everything about it adds up to a good tractor."

Grant McMurchy, Clarksburg, Ont.: "Our worst buy has been a **Woods** 0121 rotary mower. The first year we owned it the snap rings that hold the cross shaft in place broke. The frame's cracked and the axle needed some major repairs. Recently, the seals failed in the gear boxes. Cutting grass has become a job I don't look forward to.

"We like our 1980 **F.M.C.** LV500 air blast orchard sprayer, though. It's pto-drive so no more engine worries. We get excellent tree cover even on windy days."

Don A. Aikele, Moore, Idaho: "It's maintenance-free and has much more capacity than my Titan I. Good quality workmanship," says Don, happy with his "best buy" 1985 **Deere** 8820 Titan II combine.

Virgil Johnson, Osco, Ill.: "My new **Deere** 4250 tractor with powershift and MFWD replaced a 4430. It handles everything that my 4430 did and more. I've plowed with an adjustable 5-bottom plow set at 20 and 11-in. deep and it did a great job. Works great in muddy conditions. I really like the powershift as it's smooth and convenient."

Don Burgess, St. Thomas, Ont.: "Buying gas for this truck almost broke me. When I got in touch with Chrysler consumer relations they told me it was normal. Therefore, I sold it after having it for only two years," says Don, disappointed with a

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1984 **Dodge** 200 pickup with 318 engine.

He likes his 1987 **Nissan** with King Cab and automatic overdrive transmission. "This truck is perfect. There aren't any rattles and it gets good mileage. Transmission makes it easy to drive."

Ron Kramer, Earling, Iowa: "The **Thunder Gun** power washer was advertised to hook up to your own air compressor and water hydrant to give you a cheap power washer with lots of pressure. It was only a plastic pipe that you could blow water through.

"My best buy is a 1984 **Vermeer** 605-G round baler. It's baled over 5,000 bales in the last three years with only normal maintenance. Very dependable and easy to operate."

John Haak, Winfred, S. Dak.: "My 1986 **Case-International** 496 Flex-Wing cushion gang disk is the best piece of equipment I've ever owned. We have rocky fields and usually spend a lot of time replacing blades and bolts. This year we disked over 2,000 acres without a single stop for repairs.

"My worst buy **Black and Decker** 3/8-in. rechargeable drill doesn't have enough reserve to drill more than 3 or 4, 1/4-in. holes in wood. I replaced it with a **Makita** cordless which works great with plenty of power."

Terry Coulas, Cobden, Ont.: "Our 1985 **Ford** 8210 4-WD tractor is a pleasure to operate. Cab is quiet and tractor's easier on fuel than the 8600 Ford that we had. Uses 1-gal. per hour pulling a 20-ft. disc harrow and a 21-ft. harrow.

"We also like our 8030 **Frey** quick-attach loader with quick-attach bucket. We can change it from our 85 hp. 2-WD tractor to our 72-hp. 4-WD in less than 5 minutes. Can change buckets in less than 2 minutes."

John Hoppe, Nicholson, Penn.: "My best all time buy was a **Wood Mizer** portable sawmill model LT-30, which has now cut well over 100,000 board feet of lumber. I'd buy another one tomorrow if this one disappeared.

"My worst buy was a **Foley-Belsaw** edger. This machine was poorly designed and assembly was a total mess. I had to totally dismantle and rebuild it to get it to work at all."

John Gauling, Winnie, Texas: Heading John's "best buy" list is his 1986 **Kubota** 5950 tractor. "It's comfortable to drive and the controls and shift levers are convenient and work smoothly. It has plenty of power for our needs. It's also simple to work on."

Dean L. Freeborn, Rickreall, Ore.: "We had thistle problems in wheat so I applied **Glean** herbicide. I applied it at the recommended rate and also a couple different ways, by itself and with another product.

"It provided some control but for the cost I won't use it again if I can't get better results."

Dean names his 1984 **Allis Chalmers** 8070 tractor with front-wheel drive as "best buy". "We've operated A-C tractors for years and always had good luck. My brother bought an 8050 and it was such a good rig I traded for his 8070 and really like it. The excellent cab and controls make it nice to run."

William C. Hester, Waukegan, Iowa: "I've driven more than 21,000 miles with my **Fish** carburetor on a Dodge Dart with a 225 cu. in. slant-six engine. I recently got 31 mpg. on the highway. I learned that to get it set correctly I just wipe a white cloth around the inside of the tailpipe after a test drive. If the cloth is black the carburetor is set too rich and it's a simply matter to lean it up.

Keith Roberts, Morral, Ohio: "My worst purchase is a **Kent** 13-shank folding disk chisel. I couldn't get one wing to stay in the ground without adding tractor weights to it. My dealer was out a couple times but couldn't figure what was wrong so he contacted the factory rep. After spending all day with us, and making several calls to the factory, the factory rep decided that the wing frame hadn't been filled with ballast. He said he'd be back in three days with a new frame. He never came back.

Keith's pleased with his **Deere** 530 drill hitch. "I use it to carry two 15-ft. 3-pt. drills but I also used the same hitch to make a 12-row folding planter by cutting my older **Deere** 7100 planter toolbar in two. I now have a folding 12-row planter for the

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