

Deere V-ripper. "They broke off. Two of the five were lost and the other three were unusable. They promised two or three times more life."

On the plus side, John's happy with the **Lasso-Dyanap** mixture he uses on soybeans. "Works great as an early post-emergence treatment in our mixed soils."

Randy Gehring, Wheatley, Ark.: "He nominates his 4880 **Massey Ferguson** tractors as "best buy". "We have two of them. They have low maintenance. One has 2000 hours and the only service work on it has been to replace the alternator and the power steering pump."

He's not as happy with his **Mayrath** lowboy auger. "The fighting in the elbow wore completely out after loading about 20,000 bu."

Richard J. Sweep, Crookston, Minn.: "We've relied on **New Holland** for 30 years. Our repair costs are small on the 14 units of **New Holland** equipment that we own. If you must have machines that work, buy **New Holland**. They're well-built and the company stands behind them," reports Richard, who nominates his **New Holland 851** round baler as "best buy".

Larry Bash, Wharton, Ohio: "For supposedly being the best on the market, this has been the worst," says Larry, disappointed with his **Kerosun** Director heater. "Can't keep it lit. In one heating season it burned up two wicks and the electric lighter gave out the first week. The tank is so designed that fuel can't be drained."

Norman Schwartz, Oak Grove, Mo.: "Best truck I've ever owned. In 50,000 miles I've had no problems. It does everything you could expect from a pickup. Plenty of power with good mileage towing a gooseneck trailer or just running errands," says Norman, citing his 1984 **Ford F-250**, 4-WD, 6.9 liter diesel engine pickup as "best buy".

Cleve Dicken, Dove Creek, Col.: "My 1984 **Honda Accord** hatchback is a pleasure to drive. Everything is located at the right place. I've put about 40,000 miles on it in one year of driving with no problems or troubles of any kind. Gas mileage is over 40 mpg."

Paul and Henry Kinsinger, Oakland, Md.: "It's never plugged — even at speeds up to 18 mph! We've mowed approximately 500 acres and haven't done a single thing to it yet. We're well pleased with our **Vicon KM 240** disc mower-conditioner."

Charles D. Fisher, Powell, Tenn.: "In only one season on a half acre garden, we broke two tines, two cables, burned up two belts and broke the idler pulley shaft. The tiller is cheaply made and not worth one half the price," says Charles about his "worst buy" **MTD 5-hp** rear tine rototiller.

On the plus side, he likes his 1969 **150 Massey Ferguson** tractor. "We've used this tractor for six years and, with the exception of filters, spark plugs and tires, it has never required any repairs."

Jerry Snyder, Ritzville, Wash.: "I bought my **Deere 7020** new in 1973. It has over 7,000 hours on it and the

only problems have been U-joints and a throw-out bearing at 6,500 hours. The motor hasn't been touched. We've been working in the ash from **St. Helens** since 1980 — this old tractor can still take it."

Allen Paris, Dighton, Kan.: "**Agra Plant's** double notched disc module on our **Great Plains** drill goes through any amount of residue. Places seed accurately and has lots of down pressure."

Allen's not happy, however, with his **Sprayrite** 60-ft. boom equipped with **CDA** nozzles. "Poor workmanship and no service on warranty

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work. Had problems with the cables and springs. Finally fixed it myself".

Newell Mills, Fallon, Nev.: "My pickup blew an engine at 50,000 miles and four new starters by 75,000 miles," says Newell, disappointed with his 1980 **Chevrolet** diesel truck.

"My best buy is an **Ag Bag** bagger. I'm a dairy farmer and the bagged haylage has increased production per cow 10% and increased production per harvested acre of alfalfa by 25%. No more rained-on hay."

Eugene Meyer, Brookville, Ind.: Eugene nominates his **Kasco** Tiger-Til disk-chisel as "best buy". "We like this tool. With its 14-in. sweeps it prepares an excellent seedbed in one trip in about any kind of trash or soil condition. I also like its versatility as a disk-chisel. Although the triple-drag bar harrow is easy to remove, I prefer to chain the bars up for more weight and better penetration when chisel plowing."

Eugene J. Zachrich, Holgate, Ohio: "One of my best buys is **FARM SHOW**. Another is a **John Deere** model **TY 2542** string trimmer. "I've put over 350 hours on it and so far, other than fuel, I've only put one new string reel on it."

Adam Brandt, Lebanon, Penn.: A 23½-ft. **Rhino**-disc tops his "best buy" list. "It has 9-in. front spacing, 7½-in. rear spacing and is equipped with 24 spring bearings. An excellent disc that does good finishing work."

"I also like my 8070 **Allis Chalmers** 4-WD tractor with duals. An excellent tractor and cab."

Robert D. Hawthorne, Chadron, Neb.: "My **Mercury Grand Marquis** with overdrive has been a best buy. We've driven it 13,000 miles with no problems of any kind. We get up to 25 mpg with the 302 engine. Drives and rides extremely well and dealer service has been excellent."

Maynard L. Schriener, Hildreth, Neb.: "In 3,000 hours it's had no major breakdowns. Runs fine and has needed just two alternators and one water pump," says Robert, happy with his 1979 **4440 Deere** tractor with power shift.

He's unhappy however, with In-

ternational air planters. "They blow too much air out the end of the seed tubes and blow seed out of the seed trench."

Robert Squanda, Saginaw, Mich.: He's unhappy with his 1983 **Chevrolet** diesel ½-ton, 4-WD truck. "The diesel part is a pain. When you put it to work in cold weather the mileage goes down to 10 mpg and it smokes terribly. To change the fuel filter, it takes two people to bleed the lines and you have to remove the bracket and lines. **GMC** has made diesels for 75 years that are great but then they come out with this hunk of junk. They should also make the 4-WD heavier. The front drive shaft goes out about every 15,000 miles. They should also check the spare tire to make sure it fits. When I had a flat, I discovered the spare tire didn't fit."

Warren S. Purks, Fredericksburg, Va.: "It's ten times faster than an electric hacksaw. Easy to use and is the best tool in my farm shop," reports Warren about his "best buy" **Makita** 12-in. Carborundum metal cut-off saw."

Lyall M. Allison, Roland, Man.: He's had problems with his **Partner** chainsaws. "The first saw wouldn't run if the temperature was above 70°. It was then replaced. The second one dribbled chain oil all over and had to be fixed. The chain jumps off too easy, even when tight. The chain oiler quit working because of a piece they had never put on. These problems have been fixed on warranty. Now I hope for the best."

"My **Ford ½-ton** pickup is a best buy. It starts and runs reliably, rides good and is economical. The only part that hasn't worked right is the cruise control."

Jon M. Hancock, Cicero, Ind.: Jon's pleased with his 750 **Deere 4-WD tractor**. "It's compact and can go almost anywhere. Its 3-cyl. diesel engine is very powerful and fuel efficient. The 4-WD makes it very rugged and maneuverable."

William Moyer, Earlville, Ill.: "I have a 1985 **Ford 150** with a 302 V-8 engine. I get 10 to 12 mpg," says William, disappointed with the mileage.

Allen L. Ludens, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.: "My **Butler Farmstead II** steel building is certainly the worst buy I've ever made. It's leaked since it was new. Now, both the dealer and **Butler** will not do anything. I've had snow piled 1½-ft. deep after it enters between the sidewall and the roof."

Dale Walker, Webberville, Mich.: "An **Allis Chalmers 7580** was my worst buy. The engine is so weak below 2000 rpm that it can't turn a corner or go around a tree or pole without changing gears, or brutalizing the clutch. Starting a load was just a matter of winding the engine to 2000 rpm and dropping the clutch."

Dale traded the AC in for his "best buy" **White 4-225**. "This tractor is comfortable to drive and ride. Has 150 hrs. on it and so far has no oil leaks, which is kind of surprising considering the number of hydraulic hoses."

Henri Paradis, Storthoaks, Sask.: "I've put 1,800 hrs. on this tractor and

haven't had a minute's downtime," says Henri, happy with his 1983 **Deere 4640**.

He also likes his 1981 **Toyota ½-ton** diesel truck. "I get 50 mpg and have put on 50,000 miles without a breakdown."

Roland B. Bilson, Eureka, Kan.: "What otherwise is a good machine is ruined by poor dealers and a company that could care less. At 100 hours, the variable speed drive wore out, ruining the traction drive belt. Repairs came to over \$450. The warranty was no good. Dealer wouldn't do anything and neither would the manufacturer," reports Roland, upset with his **Allis Chalmers** **Gleaner F2** combine.

On the plus side, he likes his **Model 4904 Krause** tandem disk harrow. "Does a good job of leveling and penetrates the soil well. Built heavy and rugged."

Rodney Haefs, Henderson, Minn.: He nominates his **Massey Ferguson 2675** and **2745** tractors as "best buys". "They're very easy to work with. Everything is at my fingertips and the seat is comfortable for those long days. Plus, you get an excellent view out of the ultra-quiet cab and they're very easy on fuel."

David and Patti Tvedt, Byron, Minn.: "Our best buy has to be a tie between our **New Holland 315** square baler and our **New Holland 489** haybine. Both the baler and haybine really maximize leaf retention on our alfalfa. We're putting up the best hay ever and our cows are really proving it with increased production. Our first **New Holland** baler lasted 27 years."

Richard Ross, Fergus, Ont.: "My nominations for worst buys are my **Caldwell** aeration fans and an **An-Wise** backfat probe. There's certainly nothing wrong with these products but each was produced in a state which won't allow my hogs to enter, using the ridiculous excuse that

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chloramphenicol hasn't been banned in Canada. Despite extensive testing, the **USDA** hasn't found any sign of this drug in Canadian hogs, which isn't surprising, since it's rarely used and then only with a veterinarian's prescription. Trade is a two way street. How can you expect me to patronize businesses in states which are boycotting my own products? Therefore, I'm starting a boycott of my own and, perhaps if enough Canadian farmers do likewise, politicians who represent people employed in ag industries in South Dakota, Nebraska

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