

cially when operating a front-end loader. Out-performs larger tractors and is easier to service."

**Charles Humphrey, Belleville, Wis.:** Charles likes his Stihl OH1AV chain saw. "Plenty of power and only a little vibration. It's also easy to start and has convenient controls."

"I also like my Homelite string trimmer. Weighs 7½ lbs., has good balance and is easy to start."

**Donald W. Holland, St. Joseph, Mo.:** "It's junk," says Donald about his DMI variable-width plow. "It won't plow even and is so heavy it's self-destructive. I bought it new and everyone from the dealer on up has worked on it. They replaced my first plow with second one but it's got the same problems."

"My best buy is my 1980 Dodge pickup. Terrific service and a good dealer organization."

"Also on my best buy list is my 1967 Deere 2510 tractor. It has over 7,000 hours and we've never done a thing to it besides plugs and points."

**Leo Hawk, Ewing, Neb.:** "Dealer service has been good and it handles well on the road. The only problem in 9,000 miles has been a sticky choke," says Leo, happy with his 1984 Ford F-150 4-WD pickup.

**Louis Price, Lakota, Iowa:** "My worst buys of the year were the Goodyear tires on my two new combines. I've contacted three different Goodyear dealers and they say the company will not help. I'll never buy another machine or truck equipped with Goodyear tires."

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**William J. Riley, Curtice, Ohio:** "At 300 miles the transmission went out. The dealer picked it up and repaired it. It lasted until the warranty ran out. I then took the transmission out myself and found that it wasn't new but had been rebuilt. It was so worn out it was beyond repair so I bought a used one, rebuilt it, and installed it myself. I also had to buy a new Holley carburetor after the original Rochester quadrojet carburetor was rebuilt about 10 times. I've always owned G.M. cars and trucks but they've lost a customer," says William, disappointed with his 1976 Chevrolet 4-WD with automatic transmission.

He's had better luck with his 1963 Deere 4010 diesel tractor. "It's performed well since the day I bought it used. It now has 7,490 hours on it and is still running strong."

## Reader Letters

Silo doors in Harvestores? That is the last straw!

My worst buys are my two cement silos. My best buys are my two Harvestores purchased in 1970 and 1971. The only thing I regret is I should have bought another one instead of trying to use the obsolete concrete stave silo. (I don't use one of them.)

I wouldn't have a top unloader and doors in my Harvestore if you put them in for nothing. Matter of fact, I wouldn't want the Harvestore. It would be just a blue silo.

I don't care what anybody says (even lawyers). My cows are the ones I go by and they are doing better with Harvestore feed than with feed stored the old way.

Richard Pecha, Jr.  
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I saw your article about unhappy Harvestore owners in the last issue of FARM SHOW. We are one of those.

We had 85 dairy cows. The milk dropped close to half when we started feeding out of the Harvestore. They told us the milk would increase enough to make payments on the Harvestore.

To make a long story short, we worked with this for 3 yrs. We had to give up. They took the Harvestore back. We went to court. Harvestore wanted to give us \$15,000 but they also wanted \$46,000 from us. We went to the Supreme Court and lost it all. Now they have a judgement against us for the \$46,000 plus interest. Our land and equipment is in a trust. We sit here with this judgement — can't get money to operate from the bank. Is there anything we can do?

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I received my last issue of your FARM SHOW paper and enjoyed it more than any so far because of the Harvestore story. I will tell you my story.

In 1976, I put up a 20 by 50 Harvestore for shelled corn. We have gotten along fair with it but I do have a little spoilage at the bottom when we clean it out. I have complained to them but they have talked their way around it.

Then, in 1980, I made a big mistake. I put up a 700 head hog finish building and a 25 by 60 (23,000 bu.) Harvestore. Every year when we clean it out we lose about 250 bu. of rotten corn at the bottom and around the outside — plus about 1,000 to 1,500 bu. of poor corn at the bottom in the center. I have had them down each year to look at it and they tell me I put it in too dry, or it isn't full enough. Last fall I made them air test it and that cost me \$125. They said nothing is wrong.

Then they said I need a haylage bottom unloader instead of the bottom auger. They priced me a used one for \$12,000. I told them after I paid \$75,000 for it new it should work.

They just keep giving me the run around at my expense and loss. I am very fed up. When I read your article it gave me some hope. They told me when I bought it you could put corn in at

18-22% and feed it out the same. We have taken corn out at the bottom as black and rotten as manure and they say nothing is wrong with the structure. If there is anybody I could contact to help me do some good with this thing — either fix it or take it back — I would like to know.

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I thought your readers might be interested in an idea I rigged up to make one tractor do three jobs at once. The photo shows how we're able to rake, bale and load bales onto a bale wagon — all in one pass. I make an offset hitch for the rake and pull the baler and bale wagon directly behind the tractor.

Don Crawford  
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Why do most American ranchers go into cattle raising when there's much more money in Bison? Their meat brings a better price on the market and is very good eating. They're smarter than cattle and can look after themselves. Western Canada ranchers are getting into it in a big way.

G.F. Thompson  
Cranberry Portage,  
Manitoba

Thank you very much for your story in the last issue of FARM SHOW on our high-speed corn cracker that processes both shelled corn and silage either for bulk storage or for processing silage.

While our machine is 10 times faster than a roller mill in processing corn, it's just about twice as fast as a mid-sized tub grinder — not 10 times as fast as was stated in the article.

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I'm trying to find a company that makes a humane bit for horses mouths so they do not have to continually struggle with the bit and keep their mouths open. It makes me shudder when I see a bit fitted to a horse. They have to continually shake their heads and froth at the mouth. If anyone knows of such a bit, please contact me.

Selma Kreff  
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In reading Readers Letters in the last issue of FARM SHOW, it was interesting to note the complaint about IH's sale to Tenneco.

What happened to this one time giant in the farm machinery business?

It appears IH only survived this long on reputation of the past and was too slow to change to new ideas that worked for other companies.

Probably one of their biggest mistakes was staying with the old gear-grinding torque transmissions in their tractors for 25 years. They were not only expensive to maintain but a burden to drive. Other companies had synchromesh and power shifts for 20 years before IH did. Some other mistakes were their air corn planter and most of their haying equipment.

Complaints on IH equipment have been especially noticeable in FARM SHOW's Best and Worst buys from readers.

Robert Hogan  
Hillsboro, Wis.

Your FARM SHOW paper is appreciated.

I produce livestock and have noted with interest your reports on the Red Waddle hogs and the Russian wild boar.

One reason swine are economically more efficient meat producers than cattle is because they reproduce faster. This advantage would be further enhanced if the swine diet were hereditarily alterable to include more roughage and less concentrates. The above mentioned breeds may still have this germ plasm factor more than some others.

Redirection of breeding and selection standards may well enable swine to be more like their relative the hippopotamus in this respect. This could lead to meat with less fat.

Research people have not seemed to be interested in this project because they cannot expect swine to develop ruminant digestive efficiency.

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In our community a new tradition has begun: pink or blue ribbons are tied to mailboxes to announce the birth of a baby. I passed three such mailboxes today on my way home from town and each one brought a smile to my face as I thought of the joy of the family.

What a neat way to tell the community about a happy event!

My husband speculates that the custom may have been borrowed from the Amish, who put various signals on their mailboxes to let others know about their family — for instance, that they have a daughter of marrying age.

Judy Hubers  
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I was very touched when a special friend of mine gave me a copy of your FARM SHOW (Vol. 9, No. 3, 1985) and read about how Mr. Grisbert's prayer was answered by God. It thrills me because in the Bible, James ch. 1, verse 17, it plainly tells us, "Every good gift ... cometh from the Father."

I indeed thank God for this friend who showed me your paper.

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