

BUYING TIPS YOU CAN USE

Randomly selected farmers "tell it like it is" in nominating their "best" and "worst" buys.

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Farmers Nominate Best, Worst Buys

OPINION

Bob Dusek, Belleville, Kan.: "I wish we had two so we could put them together and keep one in the field," says Bob about his "worst buy" **Deere 220** disk. "The hitch broke in the middle, cast standards have broken, and the main axle came off. It does a very poor job leveling."

Laurel Endresen, Eaglesham, Alberta: "Our **International 806** tractor was out of commission for the entire crop year because of a couple O-rings that were missing on the fuel pump. They cost about 75 cents each but the dealer could not find them in a 'cross-country search'. Turns out he had them in his parts bin all the time."

Laurel's had good luck with his **Honda 185 ATC**. "We do everything with it from chasing cows to picking roots. It can do almost anything. With the whole family using it, it's never here when you need it."

Marc Reising, Wauzeka, Wis.: Marc nominates his **New Holland 851** round baler and his **New Idea 244** manure spreader as "best buys". "The baler is easy to get started and the automatic tie is a time saver. It makes a good bale and it's a well-built

John Pierskalla, St. Cloud, Minn.: "It's real easy on fuel and a very nice tractor to handle. No problems whatsoever and it's priced much more reasonably than red or green for the same power," says John about his "best buy" **White 2-70** diesel.

Darle R. Baker, Ohio City, Ohio: "My **M2 Corn Plus Allis Chalmers Gleaner** combine is my most recent best buy. The cab, controls, and hydraulics are excellent. The machine is well-balanced, agile, easy to service and the various components are readily accessible. The Pacer grain loss monitor will surprise most operators by letting them traverse a wider speed range than they thought possible. The auto-reel speed is delightfully responsive to these speed changes, especially in soybeans. It also controls the cornhead speed.

"**Allis Chalmers'** wide-spaced hardened cylinder bars have worked well except in one drought-ripened field of wheat. The company has also been very flexible and reasonable. Originally I wanted to put a **Deere flex-head** on the Gleaner but I wanted to equip it with a **Universal Harvester reel**, made by **Massey Ferguson**. **Deere** wouldn't send a head out without a reel while **Allis Chalmers** would and did."

Roger Buntin, Charlotte, Vt.: "It's the greatest thing since motherhood," says Roger, pleased with his $\frac{3}{4}$ yard **Mighty Bite** loader bucket made by **Ag Bag Corp.**, Astoria, Ore. "We use it to load log splitters and handle anything from manure to grain. It's also great for what it was intended — unloading silage stuffed into long, plastic **Ag Bags**. Our **Ag Bagger** machine is also a best buy. It keeps feed as well or better than conventional storage at a far better price.

"Another best buy is our **Glencoe Soilsaver**. It's a wondrous machine and does a beautiful job ridging and breaking up hard clay. Other than points and sweeps, I don't see how I'll ever wear it out."

John Zuck, Prince Albert, Sask.: "My best buy has been a 403 cu. in. **Oldsmobile** engine that replaced my worst buy 350 **Oldsmobile** diesel in my 1980 **GMC** $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton pickup. The total personality of the truck has changed. I can trust it. Installation was very simple and can be done in one good day."

Al Malecha, Montgomery, Minn.: "My worst buy is a 10,000-watt **Winco** generator. Service is nonexistent. I had to take the unit, when it was still new, to a private contractor to be serviced. That cost more than \$600 on a new unit."

Charles Gurney, Princeton, Ont.: At the head of his "best buy" list is his **Deere 8450** tractor. "Very easy on fuel, good lugging power, quiet cab and good visibility because the muffler and breather are on the side of the motor. We own all **Deere** tractors because of the way they hold their value and the service from dealers."

Glenn Maschmidt, Florissant, Mo.: Glenn says his **Allis Chalmers 6080** tractor is both a "best" and "worst" buy. "The front half of the tractor performs well but the **Fiat** rear end isn't too good. Would have been bet-

machine. The spreader is heavy-built, and does an excellent job. Pulls easy for a tandem axle spreader."

Dennis Hoffman, Wilmont, Minn.: "We put a **Tiger Jaws** cutterbar on our combine last fall and we are really pleased with it," says Dennis about the cutterbar from the **Herschel Corp.**, Indianola, Iowa. "It cuts close, reduces shatter, and increases ground speed to keep the cylinder full. It also works good on short beans. The bar showed very little wear after one season."

Dennis says his **International 1150** grinder-mixer equipped with a scale is also a "best buy". "I know that when I need a load of feed I'll get it done in 20 min. It works all the time and I haven't had a thing go wrong with it."

Clifford Froisland, Moorland, Iowa: He's disappointed with his **Stanhoist** field conditioner. "The tongue had to be beefed up since it was ready to break in two. Other welds on the frame also broke loose and I had to weld them up."

He's happy with two **Deere** tractors. "Our 1974 **Deere 4030** has good power for its size. It does lots of loader work every winter. It has 3,400 hrs. on it and doesn't use oil. I also bought a 4430 **Deere** which has been a good tractor, too."