

about that, either. I made several phone calls to the company. They hung up on me two different times. I traded it in for a 1994 Dodge pickup. I love it."

Doug White, Unity, Sask.: "My 1993 Yardman 12 hp, 4-wheel steering mower is my best buy. I use it to trim areas where my big mower can't go. It's one of the best mowers I've ever used. It cuts tall grass in one pass, is easy on fuel, and turns short, which really helps in tight corners."

"I think my 1977 Deutz 100-06 is the best tractor ever built. I've owned nine Deutz tractors over the years but none have been as good as this one. It has 7,000 hours on it and has missed only a half day of work since I bought it. I use it with a Deere 6601 pull-type combine. A Deere representative told me the combine was designed to be pulled by a 140 hp tractor and that a 100 hp tractor wouldn't have enough power, but he was wrong. It has only a 104 hp pto rating but is well-matched to the combine. I've harvested up to 400 bu. of barley per hour. It uses only 3 gal. per hour even pulling the largest loads. They should start building this tractor again."

Perry J. Deem, Schulenburg, Texas: A 1993 Ford New Holland 465 disc mower is Perry's "best buy". "In previous years we used sicklebar mowers or haybines to cut hay. But increasing problems with fire ants and Bahia grass has made cutting hay a real headache. This mower slices through both with ease. I'm well pleased with it."

Dennis Cowden, McDonald, Penn.: Dennis is disappointed with his New Holland 849 round baler. "The twine cutter needs to be adjusted constantly and even when it's adjusted right it still doesn't perform adequately. Shear pins break constantly whenever the baler is raised to eject the bale."

Tom Tucker, Elgin, Ore.: Tom likes his Makita 6012 heavy-duty cordless electric drill. "We've put metal roofs on all our buildings using screws driven in with this driver-drill. It has probably driven 20,000 screws with no problems. The keyless chuck is a real time saver."

"I bought a used Pittsburgh 4-bottom plow last year. It pulled hard and didn't bury much straw. I tried different coulters and different shapes of draft boards with no luck. I finally gave up and sold it at a loss."

Ken Anderson, Trenton, Mo.: "I'm happy with my 1992 Deere 7240 15-in. no-till planter. The vacuum row units do a precise metering job and depth control is excellent. Adjustments are simple to make. The optional cast-iron closing wheels close the seed trench in difficult conditions, yet also work fine in conventional tillage. I traded in a 1988 Deere 750 no-till drill for the planter. Due to its weight, the 750 did an even better job of soil penetration than the 7240, but for accurate seed placement and depth control there's no comparison between the two machines. Later models of the 750 no-till drill have been improved. The transport axle pivots and closing wheel alignment on the 7240 could be redesigned, but overall it's a well designed machine."

Ian C. Campbell, Howell, Mich.: "Our worst buy is our Terrain King bat wing-type mower. The blades weren't balanced when we got it, welds cracked, and the blade tip bolts were so soft that one of the tips flew off and went through the side of our pole barn. Parts are expensive and cost at least twice as much as Bush Hog mower parts."

"Our Charmglow gas grille provides better barbecue flavor than charcoal and is ready to go in 5 minutes."

Craig Stokes, DuBuc, Sask.: Craig's pleased with his 1993 Mac Don 960 30-ft. harvest header. "It mounts on a tractor or as a direct-cut head on a combine. In the past we had problems swathing lodged canola, but this header - equipped with a pickup reel - cuts it without any problems."

"My Ritchie waterers are a worst buy. Access to the inside of the bowls is difficult in cold weather, and the lining in the bowls doesn't stand up to our hard water. We've also had problems with floats waterlogging prematurely."

Ed Keyowski, Canora, Sask.: "Works great in all crops," says Ed about his 1992 Case-IH 1680 axial flow combine equipped with a specialty rotor and 30-ft. straight-cut header. "No downtime in 6,000 acres. It had a few small electrical problems which the dealer handled promptly."

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Herman Lee Fontenot, Jr., Mittie, La.: "I like my 1993 Honda 300 4-WD ATV. I use it hard but I haven't had any trouble with it. It's easy on fuel, has a lot of power, and is dependable."

Jim Kehoe, Lansdowne, Ontario: "My 1993 Fiat 100-90 tractor is easy on fuel and has a quiet cab with convenient controls. It has a lot of power but could use more gears between 4 and 7 mph."

"My 1992 Case-IH 8545 baler is a best buy. The bale thrower couldn't work better. Capacity, bale shape, tying, etc., are excellent."

William Hilleker, Jr., Holley, N.Y.: "My Roto Press silage bagger will bag anything I put in it - including hay, peas, corn, and ground corn - twice as fast and pack it twice as hard as any other silage bagger on the market."

"I bought a used 1984 Ford Ranger pickup equipped with a 4-cyl. engine for use as a service truck. However, it went through three engines in six months. I finally put a Buick V-6 engine in it. Even though the engine had 78,000 miles on it, it turned a worst buy into a best buy."

Justin Schafer, Portland, Ind.: "We're well pleased with our Dixon 42-in. mowers. They work quicker and easier than any other mowers we've ever used. We've had four of them since 1970."

Gary W. Robinson, Shaw, Miss.: Faced with the chore of mowing 3 to 4 acres of lawn and also needing a tractor for garden work, Gary bought a 1993 Kubota L2350 25 hp garden tractor. "It's a great little tractor. I also use it to spread dirt and to do landscaping. I highly recommend it over all other brands for quality and workmanship. I had a Kubota B6200 15 hp tractor before I bought this one. I put 500 hours on it and didn't have it in the shop once."

R.D. Camper, Centralia, Ill.: "My 1993 Ford 7740 SL turbocharged diesel tractor is my best buy. The cab is the best on the market. It's roomy and comfortable, has easy-to-use controls, and great visibility. The tractor has a short turning radius."

"My Deere 2355 diesel tractor is my worst buy. Gears grind when shifting. Hydraulic outlets are difficult to reach, making it hard to hook up the hoses. The 3-pt. control lever is poorly located. You'd

have to have a 5-ft. long arm to reach it."

Billy Ashley, Elkin, N.C.: A used Easy Go golf cart is Billy's "best buy". "I bought it for my wife because she has some trouble walking. She can use the cart to go to the garden or anywhere else and haul her equipment with her. It's easy to drive and didn't cost much. I also use it for repairing fence. It's easier to get in and out of than a truck. I just load my tools and wire on back and go to the field. It's easy on fuel."

Arthur Wilson, Yellow Jacket, Colo.: "We made our best buy in 1936 - a McCormick Deering Farmall F-20 tractor equipped with a hand crank, hand-controlled mounted equipment, rubber tires, and belt pulley. We really got a lot of work done with it and we still have it."

Dennis Hattersley, Cuba, Mo.: A 3-year-old Bryan outdoor wood-burning furnace rates as Dennis's "best buy". "I use it to heat our old 2-story farm house (1,800 sq. ft.). It keeps the house warm even in the coldest weather, maintaining an even temperature all the time without using a lot of wood. I use 5 to 6 pickup loads of wood per season and have never had any problems with it."

John W. Carter, Morning Sun, Idaho: "It's the best money I've ever spent on add-on equipment," says John, pleased with his Agri-Speed automatic wagon hitch (Bergman Mfg., Box 82, Arthur, Ia. 51431). Hitch components mount on both the tractor drawbar and implement tongue. It lets you hook up to any wagon or trailer without getting out of the tractor cab. "No wagon tongue is ever too heavy, too near, or too far from the drawbar or too hard to line up in the dark or rain. Makes it easy for my mother, wife, or son to haul grain. The best part is the safety of not having someone between the tractor and wagon."

John C. Smith, DeWitt, Iowa: "My 1994 Deere 750 no-till drill is a well-designed piece of equipment. It's easy to operate and easy to fill."

Art Wall, Forbes, N. Dak.: "I bought an International Farmall M tractor 44 years ago and am still using it. When I first bought it, it was my only tractor for field work and haying. Now I use it for haying and as an all-around chore tractor. I use it all winter to remove snow and to feed a couple hundred head of cattle. They don't make tractors like this one any more."

Jack McGregor, Clinton, Ontario: Jack's impressed with his 1991 Deere 9400 combine. "Adjustments are easy to make and the controls are easy to operate. It threshes clean without needing a lot of fine tuning."

"My Amazone 801 pneumatic spreader is a worst buy. The fan drive belts don't last and adjustments are hard to make."

Robert Cousins, Jr., DeWitt, Iowa: Robert nominates his Deere 3970 forage harvester as "best buy". "It does a good job and is easy to maintain and operate."

He isn't pleased with his 1990 Massey-Ferguson 399 FWA tractor. "The air conditioner never worked right and the bearings in the front axle didn't have any grease zerks. I had to replace them at my own expense. The clutch wouldn't hold up to use with a self-unloading feed wagon - I've already had to install two new ones. Company service has been poor."

William Jarrell Young, Reidsville, N.C.: "I purchased a 1989 Deere 2955 MFWD tractor used in 1991 and haven't had any problems with it."

"I bought a 1993 Marlliss 10-ft. no-till drill with a 100 series caddy. I used it to

plant 250 acres of soybeans and then we had to re-engineer the entire chain drive system. The company helped solve most of the problems, though."

"My 3-year-old Top Air dye marker is my worst buy. It worked well the first year, then quit working so I sent it back for repairs. I planted only about 10 acres with it before it started skipping again."

Gerry Hilliard, Huntingdon, Tenn.: A 1993 Killbros 475-bu. grain cart rates as Gerry's "best buy". "In the past we owned a Killbros gravity wagon which was well-built and did a good job for us. However, the grain cart does an even better job and hasn't had any problems. We can use it to load our semi truck in only 3 to 4 minutes. It empties grain out completely."

Scott R. Kiecker, Fairfax, Minn.: "I'm satisfied with my 1993 Geringhoff 9-row, 22-in. corn head (Geringhoff Co., Rt. 2, Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada L1C 3K3). It picks corn and chops stalks at the same time, saving trips over the field. We've used it to harvest 2,300 acres of corn. It does a good job of chopping stalks and eliminated the need for a chopper. We can go into the field right behind the combine with tillage equipment. Lets us cultivate the following spring without the problems we used to have when we used a stalk chopper."

Jim Greer, Gorrie, Ontario: "Two years ago, I bought a 45-ft. Harco electric-powered bale elevator. It's really well-built and should last a long time without repairs. The only problem was that it was too heavy to lift for moving around. To solve the problem, I got a friend to put a wheel off an old



mix-mill grinder under the front of the elevator, making it much easier to pull into our hay mow for loading trucks."

"First we cut out two circles of heavy plate steel about 16 in. across. We welded a heavy bolt to the bottom plate to form an axle for the top plate and drilled a hole in the center of the top plate so the bottom plate can swivel for steering. We attached the top plate to the elevator frame near the bottom of the elevator and welded two heavy pieces of angle iron to the bottom piece on each side of the wheel. They extend down to the axle on the wheel. The two circular plates let the wheel caster 360 degrees. We also attached a 4-ft. tongue to the elevator."

Craig A. Fleishman, Minburn, Iowa: "My 1992 Case-IH 9006-row, 30-in. planter equipped with a ridge-till attachment is my best buy. It can be used in minimum-till, no-till, or ridge-till conditions without modification. The ridge-till attachment does a superb job of cleaning the ridge."

Dwight Colborn, Cabool, Mo.: "I'm disappointed with my DeLaval milk meter. It took me a long time to learn how to use it to figure our cows' milk production. Also, it works slow. It takes us twice as long to milk the cows whenever we use it."

Jason Boyer, East Berlin, Penn.: "It makes nice tight bales at a rate of up to 25 bales per hour," says Jason, owner of a "best buy" 1988 Deere 430 round baler.

"My 1991 Deere 1360 disc mower-conditioner works great and will mow as fast as I want to drive."

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