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Garry Stewert, Hanna, Alberta: Garry likes his **Massey Ferguson 8460** combine equipped with a rake-type pickup and straight cut header. "It worked well for us last year in heavy, wet crops. We put more than 200 hours on it. We had some problems with the electric solenoid that's used to start and stop the header.

"I like my **Flexi Coil System 65** sprayer equipped with wind screens. No problems.

"My 1992 **Case-IH 8460** baler is a worst buy. When it worked it made nice bales, but the slip clutch had to be rebuilt five or six times in two years. An upgrade kit didn't make much difference. I also had problems with rollers that came off and got bent.

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Another problem is that leaves and chaff build up on the knife so that it won't cut the twine. I have to get out and hand cut the twine and clean off the knife."

Alvin Deatherage, Odessa, Mo.: Alvin's 1992 **Zetor 6245 4-WD** tractor heads his "best buy" list. "I use it nearly every day to mow, rake, bale hay, etc. No American-made tractor can begin to compete with it. I have a **Memo** loader on it and I like it, too. This tractor can't be beat for fuel economy, cab comfort, ride, or price. No problems at all. I'd recommend it to anyone."

Robert Hughes, Nevada, Mo.: A 1993 **Deere 455 30-ft.** grain drill rates as Robert's "best buy". "We've seeded about 2,500 acres with it and the only problem has been with a drive chain - I think we ran it too loose - and a flat tire.

"My 1992 **Polaris 250 2-WD** ATV is my worst buy. The crankshaft broke a month after we bought it. We kept it for only one year and two months, yet we had to replace two drive sprockets, one starter, one drive belt, and three drive chains. The back pivot came loose and wore out the frame, front wheel bearings went out, and the front end was loose when we finally sold the machine."

Terry Heeke, Dubois, Ind.: "Chem Cure tubeless tire repair kits are a best buy (Mo Max Sales, Inc., Rt. 6, Box 226, Ozark, Mo. 65721). I've never had one pull back out and they always seal."

Sunny Brook Farms, Ava, Ill.: "Our **Hardy** outside wood-burning furnace is a best buy. It heats 8 rooms and 2 baths in our house with a very even heat. All smoke, ashes, and wood trash stay out of the house. It fires only twice a day in cold weather and once a day in warmer weather. I use junk mail, feed sacks, boxes, and trash around the farm as fuel in the summer to heat hot water.

"My 1993 **Case-IH 1250** feed grinder is a worst buy. It was delivered without all the parts we ordered. The dealer took it back last December and as of early February they still hadn't returned it. Six weeks should be long enough to get parts from the company. They have our money, but all we have is a piece of paper."

Gary A. Parker, Ft. Shaw, Mont.: "My 1993 **White 6175 PFA** tractor has good power, great visibility, comfortable controls, an 18-speed powershift transmission, and is quiet and fuel efficient. It's the most user friendly tractor I've ever had. I can't

say enough good things about it."

Wallace W. Milton, Perry, Fla.: Wallace is the satisfied owner of a 1991 **Ford F-250 XLT** pickup equipped with a truck/diesel engine, trailer towing package, and no-spin differential. "The torque converter was replaced under warranty at 20,000 miles. It rides comfortably and gets over 18 mpg empty and 14 to 15 mpg towing heavy trailer loads. It replaced two trucks that I had been using."

He says **Amsoil** synthetic oil is a "best buy". "I started using it in trucks and cars, then in tractors. Now I use it on all my equipment from chain saws to air compressors. I was so pleased with it I became a dealer."

Alan Davis, Thurmond, N.C.: "My 1993 **Wrapmaster** big bale silage wrapper is my best buy (W.E. Ramer and Sons, Kittanning, Penn.). It lets me put up high quality hay without having to worry about the weather. Cattle love the taste of the haylage. One man with a small tractor can load, wrap, and dump bales while easily keeping up with the baler. It's built heavy and is an excellent machine."

Boyd B. Buyc, Danvers, Minn.: "It's fast, trouble-free, and handy to use," reports Boyd, pleased with his 1991 **Westfield MK 10061** auger. "The mechanical hopper prevents overfeeding. Lets me push the auger to maximum capacity."

Doug Wismer, Silver Water, Ontario: "It's a great little tractor for utility work," says Doug about his 1991 **Deutz-Allis 6260 LU** orchard tractor equipped with a loader and front wheel assist. "It's built narrow, short, and low for work in barns. The 57 hp air-cooled engine is easy to service and has a lot of power, especially since the tractor is only about half the size of a regular Deutz in that horsepower range. However, there should be a shutoff on the fuel line coming out of the gas tank. Makes it awkward to change fuel filters."

Lester Gehman, Manheim, Penn.: "My 1989 **Dodge** diesel pickup is my best buy. The Cummins diesel engine starts easy, runs like a top, and pulls like an 8-horse team. It gets 20 to 22 mpg. Takes only half as long to fill the fuel tank as the Ford we owned before."

Norman Farrington, Mechanicsville, Iowa: Norman nominates his 1991 **New Idea 5209** rotary hay mower as "best buy". "All I do is get on and go. It does a great job at fast speeds.

"My 1988 **Case-IH 7120** tractor handles comfortably, has a quiet cab, and is easy to service. The powershift transmission performs well.

"My 1992 **Deere 535** round baler with net wrap is built strong to withstand damage on rough ground and makes good bales at high speeds. The netting speeds up baling and sheds water. Works great as long as it goes on right. However, I've had problems with it catching and tearing."

Frazier Paugh, Palmyra, Mo.: "It always seems to break down over long holidays or during cold weather," says Frazier, unhappy with his **Dovetec** corn-burning stove. "Acid smokes gets inside the house. The exhaust system doesn't completely take moisture out of the fuel so the corn draws damp. The auger that takes corn to the burn box would overload. Also, it doesn't put out as much heat as we expected."

Kenneth Wichmann, Williamsburg, Iowa: Kenneth's well pleased with his 1991 **Hesston 80-66** tractor equipped with a **Westendorf TA26** loader with 1,800 hours on it. "It has plenty of power and the quick-

tach loader is an excellent match. It's a great all-around chore tractor."

LeRoy Mack, Manistique, Mich.: A 1989 **Chevrolet Cheyenne 2500 3/4-ton** heavy duty pickup is LeRoy's "best buy". "It's easy to drive and rides comfortably. It's a good pickup."

Ron Gusella, Carstairs, Alberta: Ron's "best buy" is his **New Holland 357** grinder mixer mill equipped with a bale feeder. "We use it to feed 50 to 60 calves every winter. It lets us vary the kind of grains we feed and add supplements. We can grind straw or hay and add it to the grain or mix in salt, limestone, dry molasses, etc. When we purchased this machine we had surfaced the hammers on all edges. We've used it for many years without any problems and still haven't turned the hammers over. We use a 10-ft. long, 4-in. dia. auger equipped with an orbital motor to feed grain into the machine. The motor runs off tractor hydraulics and its speed is regulated by a valve. It has worked perfect for us."

Wayne Schneider, Selz, N. Dak.: A 1992 **Rockmaster** rock picker rates as Wayne's "best buy". "It's a 3-bat, reel-type rock picker that handles rocks from 2 to 24 in. Does a good job. It's hydraulic-driven and has no chains. It should last a life time.

"My 1991 **Summers 600** rock picker is my worst buy. It jammed up constantly on small rocks. It did okay on larger rocks but it should be able to handle small ones, too. I traded it in after using it for only 20 hours."

George Wagner, Perry, Okla.: "My 1992 **Ford 8530** tractor is fuel efficient and easy to handle. I can drive it all day without having to refuel. I like the cab. It's quiet and well-designed with good visibility. I also like the air-ride seat and lights. It's easy to work on and the fuel tank is easy to fill."

Donald Cramer, Stony Plain, Alberta: Donald nominates his 1992 **M & W 1800** round baler as his "best buy". "It outperforms other balers and does a good job baling straw behind rotary combines. Compared to other balers, there's less leaf loss and fewer moving parts. It doesn't need a lot of horsepower to operate and doesn't require a lot of maintenance. It has an enclosed chamber bar with no belts. I think it's the baler of the future."

Jim Hrady, El Reno, Okla.: Jim's had good luck with his 1988 **Case-IH 7140** tractor. "I put over 1,000 hours on it every

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year. It had some minor electrical problems but the dealer solved them. This tractor stands up to use by high school and college kids who work for me during the summer. It's greenhorn driver tough.

"I like my 1984 **International 1950** truck equipped with an 18-ft. bed and hoist. It's powered by a 6-cyl. diesel engine and has 120,000 miles. It's the most dependable truck on the market in my opinion. I also have Chevrolet and Ford trucks but they can't match this truck's performance. I'm a custom harvester and use this truck to pull a **Case-IH 1680** combine from Oklahoma to South Dakota. I never have to stop. I'm well pleased with its durability."

Jim says he had bad luck with his 1989

Deere 1508 mower from the start. "It's the only mower I've ever owned where I had to mow everything twice in order to get a good cut, even with sharp new blades. I had to constantly replace U-joints on the main driveline. The dealer stood behind the mower until the warranty ran out and then it was mine. After about 4 years of putting up with it, I traded it off for a **Deere 1518** mower. It works good. No problems."

Pete Clark, Albany, Ohio: "I like my 1993 **Dodge 1-ton 4-WD** pickup equipped with a Cummins diesel engine and 5-speed transmission. I use it to make three to five long distance trips each year to buy horses. The only time I have to shift out of fifth gear, even with five horses loaded on a trailer, is to stop for fuel. That doesn't happen often because it consistently gets 14 to 15 mpg at freeway speeds. The bucket seats are more comfortable than the seats on my new Cadillac.

"My worst buy is a **Featherlite 8544** aluminum gooseneck trailer equipped with a stainless steel nose. The trailer pulls beautifully and I'm happy with the performance of the trailer itself. However, on two different occasions it nearly burned up my pickup. What happened is that I was sitting in the truck with the trailer facing the rising sun, waiting for my wife, when I noticed smoke rising from the back of the passenger seat. Sunlight reflecting off a dimpled rivet on the trailer was being magnified by the rear window and the heat started the fire. We've had to replace both the seat and the dash because of this problem. We've ordered a set of louvers for the rear window."

Tom Wallace, Stockport, Ohio: "It's a pleasure to operate," says Tom, pleased with his 1993 **Kubota** tractor equipped with a loader, 60-in. mower deck, and 6-ft. backblade."

Hugh J. Moser, Jefferson City, Tenn.: "Our 1991 **Deere 4055** tractor is trouble-free and uses less diesel fuel than any other tractor we've ever owned. It started right up all winter without preheat or ether.

"My 1993 **Deere 9400** combine is a best buy. Last year I used it to harvest over 800 acres of corn and wheat without one minute of down time."

Kenneth Dickneite, Iberia, Mo.: Kenneth's the satisfied owner of a 1992 **Deere 535** round baler. "This baler is built simple and is easy to operate and maintain. It consistently makes tight, uniform bales. Even with all the rain we had last year there was little waste on the outsides and bottoms of the bales."

Arden Walizer, Loganton, Penn.: "My **Miller Pro 235** manure spreader is a worst buy. The bottom, sides, front, and endgate are made from polyurethane and have a lifetime warranty. However, steel or metal is used to hold the endgate together and it has metal beaters and shields which fell apart after a short period of use. Dealers are hard to find and don't have any parts or parts books."

Bill Knoff, Nahotah, Wis.: A 1991 **GM** dually pickup equipped with an extended cab and 454 cu. in. engine rates as Bill's "best buy". "I convert all my 454's to dual fuel LP and gas. One set of spark plugs lasted 88,000 miles. I change the oil every 20,000 miles. This 1991 model is a super truck. I put an aluminum flatbed on it which draws a lot of attention.

"My **Case-IH Magnum 7140** tractor equipped with front wheel assist has excellent comfort, good visibility, and is easy to

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