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**Larry Easterday, Mansfield, Ohio:** "I like my Aerway two-roller aerator. It weighs only 930 lbs. and can be pulled by a 20 to 35 hp tractor. We use it to improve our pas-

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tures. It loosens the soil for better water infiltration and helps incorporate manure. It restores life to soil packed down by cattle."

**Douglas L. Feten, Clear Lake, S. Dak.:** "It has good power, is easy on fuel, and handles well," reports Douglas, pleased with his 1992 Deere 4560 MFWD tractor. "I like the design of the steps, and there's no exhaust pipe or air intake pipe to block the view of the driver. It's a well-built tractor."

**Gary Eichelberger, Manson, Iowa:** Gary's impressed with his 1993 Dawn Trash Wheels. "They make a beautiful seedbed in all conditions. I've used them in deep ripped cornstalks, soybean stubble, and no-till soybean stubble with excellent results. I had to make only minimal adjustments for different field conditions."

**John B. Adair, Loysville, Penn.:** "My 1989 743 Bobcat skidsteer loader has 885 trouble-free hours on it. My only expense has been for oil, fuel, and filters. It's dependable and starts easy. It's a best buy."

**John A. Wilkerson, De Funiak Springs, Fla.:** John's had trouble with his 1992 Kawasaki Mule 2010. "It's well engineered but wasn't properly assembled by the dealer. We took it back to him, but he claimed we had abused it. Other Kawasaki dealers won't work on it because we didn't buy it from them."

On the "best buy" side, "I haven't had any problems with my 1991 Ryobi 12-volt cordless drill. It has more power than any other brand I know of. The keyless chuck is truly awesome."

**Clarence H. Jensen, Edgeley, N. Dak.:** "My best buy is my 1990 Ford F-250 4-WD pickup. It rides comfortably for a heavy-duty 3/4-ton pickup and I like the bucket seats. It's equipped with a 460 cu. in. engine and an automatic transmission with over-drive. It's fairly fuel efficient and gets 11.5 mpg hauling a 2,000-lb. camper. It has about 44,000 miles and has never been back to the dealer for anything except a new set of spark plugs."

**Larry Moore, Loudon, N.H.:** "We like Electronet portable, flexible electrified sheep netting. We use several rolls to pasture 140 ewes which we rotate to different paddocks every three days. It's easy to move and easy to charge. Keeps coyotes and dogs out and sheep in."

**Frank Springman, Lovington, Ill.:** Frank's had problems with his K.E.W. power washer. "It doesn't keep up the pressure even though we have an adequate water supply. It surges up to about 150 lbs. pressure, then kicks back."

"Our 1984 White 2-110 tractor is our best buy. It has 4,500 hours on it but still uses only about one fourth of a pint of oil every 110 to 120 hours. It's never been overhauled."

"I bought my 1976 White 8800 combine

used with 2,000 hours. It now has 3,200 hours and still runs good."

**Deborah McCollum, Lockport, N.Y.:** "Our New Holland 855 round baler has a lot of capacity which, combined with auto-wrap, makes baling hay quick and easy even in a bad year."

"Our worst buy is our 1992 Chevrolet S-10 pickup equipped with a 2.5-liter 4-cyl. engine. It has had hesitation problems from the start and, when it rains, water comes into the cab through the vents."

**James Ryant, Calmar, Iowa:** "My 1992 Bobcat skid steer loader is a best buy. I bought it because it doesn't have any exposed hydraulic hoses for hogs or cattle to chew on. It's a clean looking machine. The engine has plenty of power and the hydraulic system works good. The cab tilts up making it easy to service the engine."

**Chris Kimmel, Sheloceta, Penn.:** A 1990 International 8530 B-Line baler rates as Chris's "best buy". "It has a lot of capacity. We can easily make 1,000 bales a day, 2,000 if we go fast. It makes a dense, square bale that's easy to sell. The wide pickup makes it easy to bale wide windrows left by our combine."

"My worst buy is my 1988 Deere 3150 tractor equipped with a front-end loader. The tractor worked fine until the starter went out. It took a special wrench to remove it and the dealer had to wait a week to get it. Then O-rings went bad on the clutch and 3-pt. The parts weren't expensive but they're located in the middle of the tractor where they're hard to get at. The mechanic didn't like working on this tractor at all."

**Bobby S. Holland, Cynthiaana, Ky.:** Bobby's impressed with his 1993 Ford Ranger XLT 4-WD pickup. "This is the seventh new 4-WD pickup I've bought over the years and it's built better than any of the others I've had. Everything on it works, with no rattles or loose screws, etc. It has an excellent paint job. The 4.0-liter engine and 4-speed automatic transmission are a good combination. It has plenty of power and is easy on fuel."

**Curtis Rasmussen, Sidney, Mont.:** "My Kubota L2350 tractor and front-end loader is my best buy. It has 28 hp and works great for yard work. Starts easy and drives nice with power steering."

"My worst buy is Agnet, a pay-per-year satellite market report program from American Agricultural network. I paid \$180 for a year of programming, but two months after I got it it went off the air. Finally I got a reimbursement check from the company for about 13 cents on the dollar."

**Walter L. Hampton, Sparta, N.C.:** Walter nominates his 1993 Chevrolet Silverado C-2500 3/4-ton pickup equipped with a 6.5-liter turbocharged diesel engine, heavy-duty 5-speed transmission, and standard cab as his "best buy". "This pickup has almost as much power as my old 1989 Chevrolet K-3500 equipped with a 454 cu. in. engine. It gets 18 to 20 mpg which is 10 mpg better than the K-3500 and is the best riding and driving heavy-duty truck on the road today. Chevrolet should have used this engine long ago."

**Ken Benson, Ballston Lake, N.Y.:** "My Kubota 1750 4-WD tractor equipped with bi-speed turn is my best buy. I've used it for each of the past two summers on my Christmas tree farm. Bi-speed turn lets me turn quickly and easily at the end of rows, allowing me to plant more trees per row and thus utilize my acreage more efficiently. This little tractor can pull a small single-seat tree planter with power to spare. I had a problem

with a power steering seal that leaked, but the dealer quickly repaired it under warranty. We also use this tractor to plant, mow (40-in. rotary mower), and band spray herbicides."

**Nick S. Reinert, Mott, N. Dak.:** "It's a handy all-around utility tractor," says Nick about his "best buy" 1991 Ford 3930 front wheel assist tractor equipped with a 45 hp engine. "It doesn't have a cab so I can easily use it in my pole barn. I also use it with a 3-pt. posthole digger. Works great."

**Stephen Fehnel, Easton, Penn.:** "Our 1970 International 826 tractor is our best buy of all time. It looks as good now as it did when we bought it and has over 6,500 hours on it. We use it to bale hay, spread fertilizer, and do various other jobs around our farm. We've never touched the engine other than to mount a straight chrome stack on it. It runs like a champion. In fact, it has taken first place in tractor pulls in the 9,500-lb. farm stock class. We're well pleased with it and will never sell it."

"Our 1990 Case-IH 7110 4-WD tractor is a best buy. We've always owned International tractors but this model is definitely one of the best. We haven't had to use ether to start it even in the coldest weather. So far it has worked great."

**Mike Lowry, Cairo, Neb.:** Mike's satisfied with his Ford 276 tractor. "We put 500 hours a year on it. We use it for windrowing and row crop and pasture spraying. We also mount a 3-pt. forklift on it for seed corn delivery."

**William R. Sasser, Nakina, N.C.:** "My worst buy is my Homelite 240 chain saw. The chain wouldn't oil even though I took it to three different repair shops."

**Jerome L. Webb, Harrold, S. Dak.:** A pair of 12,000-bu. Butler grain bins equipped with perforated aeration floors heads Jerome's "best buy" list. "The dealer installed a DMC Design III Stirrer which is also a best buy."

"We like TAG metal gravity box covers. They save time and keep the grain dry."

"We wouldn't be without our Dixon ZTR 428 riding mower. We really like the zero turning radius. We'll never go back to a conventional tractor-style mower."

"Our Campbell Hausfeld 5 hp twin cylinder 60-gal. air compressor is our worst buy. It runs so fast it shakes itself to pieces. You can buy it anywhere, but getting service is another story."

**John E. Allemann, New Florence, Mo.:** "My Stihl 038 and 024 chain saws are both best buys. I use them to cut four to six cords of wood each year, to clear trees along fence

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rows, and to clean up trees after storm damage. No problems."

"My 1988 Grasshopper lawn mower is a best buy. I've used it to cut three to four acres every summer with no problems. Works fast and cuts my mowing time in half."

**Billy E. Celsor, Hartsville, Tenn.:** "My best buy 1992 Deere 260 disc mower cuts like a dream. I haven't had one bit of trouble with it."

**Roger Moore, Blue Earth, Minn.:** Roger's impressed with his Farm Dayta market program. "The market pages are easy to read and can be programmed for

what I want to see. The news and weather are always up to date and informative. I especially like the weather maps. They're colorful and accurate."

**R.M. Galloway, Roebuck, S.C.:** "I've used many different mowers, but my New Idea 5209 disc mower-conditioner is by far the best hay machine I've ever used."

**Steve Suter, Altoona, Penn.:** Steve bought a used 1989 Woodmizer LT40 portable bandsaw in 1991 and says it's a "best buy". "I use it to do on-site custom sawmilling and it does a great job. It can handle 21-ft. long, 36-in. diameter logs. I've used it to cut everything from barn beams to wagon boards, tapered wagon tongues (for the Amish), and furniture lumber. It sets up in less than half an hour, cuts consistently, and has left me with lots of happy customers. I bought it used, but the company treats me as if I bought it new."

**Don C. Myers, Spring Mills, Penn.:** Don nominates his 1992 White 6100 4-row no-till corn planter as his "best buy". "It plants extremely uniform stands of both corn and soybeans. It's easy to adjust and places seed accurately."

**Scott Hancock, Griffin, Ind.:** "The air conditioner controls could be improved. I either freeze or burn up," says Scott, who otherwise is pleased with his 1993 Case-IH 9280 4-WD tractor equipped with a 375 hp engine. "It uses less fuel than the 300 hp tractor we traded in."

On the "worst buy" side, Scott's unhappy with his 1992 Great Plains 30-ft. folding no-till drill. "The biggest problem is that the end wheels aren't in line with the transport wheels so when I turn at the end of the field, the end wheel drags up big piles of dirt. Also, after 2,500 acres both gearboxes seized up and broke. However, the company replaced them at no cost."

**Albert Helm Jr., 40 Triple H Farms, Hampton, Ky.:** "The best buy we've ever made is our 1992 Polaris 350 4-WD Trail Boss ATV. It's designed with the rider in mind. It rides comfortably and has accessible controls. I don't have to worry about running over my own feet like on some other brands. It has power to spare and looks great."

**Robert Halverson, West Union, Iowa:** A 1991 Massey-Ferguson 3140 tractor heads Robert's "best buy" list. "No problems after 1,500 hours. It has much more power than its 115 hp rating would indicate and is the most economical tractor I've ever owned. The 2-door cab saves a lot of steps. The can cooler in the cab, sun screen, and remote controls at the rear of the tractor for operating the 3-pt. hitch are all nice features."

"My worst buys are 'eyeball' scarecrow balloons. You blow them up and hang them from the rafters of a building. They're supposed to keep birds out, but they didn't scare them at all. After three or four months the air went out of them. Luckily I didn't pay much for them."

**Herbert Farney & Sons, Lowville, N.Y.:** "We're well-pleased with our Deere 970 roller harrow. Our soil tends to clod up when we plow. The roller harrow breaks clods down leaving a fine seedbed."

"Our 1987 New Holland L-555 skidsteer loader is also a best buy. We use it more than any other machine on our farm - we'd be lost without it. It has about 6,000 hours on it. Other than new tires and a few minor problems, we haven't done anything to it. We

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