

brake calipers, and a hole burned through the exhaust manifold. I have to admit this pickup does pull well when it's not in the shop. But I can barely afford to operate it."

## "I've had endless problems with sensors, the 4-WD system, a leaky radiator, broken intake manifold bolts, torn seats, broken brake calipers, and more."

**Jay Leintz, Bismarck, N. Dak.:** Jay likes the 1996 **Case IH 7210** tractor he bought used. "A few years ago I was looking for a good haying tractor when a Case IH mechanic recommended the 7200 series model. So I bought the 7210 at an auction and am really pleased with it. It runs smooth and is a simple tractor, yet it has a lot of features and comfort."

**Dana L. Ellsworth, Brushton, N.Y.:** Dana is pleased with the 2-year-old **Stihl** Farmboss 18-in. chainsaw he bought used. "I was a bit concerned about buying a used saw, but this model fit well into my stable of chainsaws. It has a lot of power with very little vibration and is fuel efficient. The chain oiler works exceptionally well, and the saw's light weight makes it a joy to operate. It'll cut circles around a 20-in. Husqvarna. This saw works, while my Husky draws dust."

"My 2016 **Cub Cadet 27cc, 2-cycle** brush cutter works great on grass but has trouble cutting any weeds or brush larger than my little finger. When we tried using it to cut lambsquarters and pigweed, the kickback on it was nothing short of extreme. The power just wasn't there to do the job. Even large burdocks and curlydock weeds were a chore to cut. I didn't expect this brush cutter to cut broomstick-size hardwood trees, but I'm disappointed that it can't cut weeds."

**Bill Pyle, Karnes City, Texas:** Bill's impressed with his 2011 **Deere 1026R** sub compact 4-WD utility tractor. "I use it equipped with a 48-in. drive-over mower deck to cut our 2-acre lawn. It's like having a lawn mower on steroids. The tractor is equipped with mid and rear 540 rpm pto's, a front-end loader, and a Cat. 0/1 3-pt. quick hitch. My doctor says not to lift more than 20 lbs. due to my back problems, so this tractor does all the heavy lifting at our ranch."

"The tractor is designed to do multiple tasks and to change quickly between tools and implements. I've accumulated or made a lot of attachments for it including a 4-ft. 3-pt. mounted shredder, 3-pt. mounted 55-gal. spray rig, loader bucket, front pallet forks, grapple fork, box blade, weight box, manlift used with forks, landscaping rake, 4-ft. tiller, barrel lift, hydraulic-operated T-post driver, and 8-in. limb lopper."

"This tractor does everything my much bigger Deere 7230 can do, just on a smaller scale. It's very maneuverable in tight quarters. No problems at all."

**Earl D. Martin, Branchport, N.Y.:** Earl's the satisfied owner of a 2012 **BCS** walk-behind rototiller ([www.bcsamerica.com](http://www.bcsamerica.com); ph 800 543-1040). "My dad bought his first BCS rototiller in 1982, an 8 hp model. Then in 1988 he bought a used 835 10 hp model. He sold the old model to a neighbor, who used it up until last year on his produce farm. My dad's 835 is still working hard on my sister's farm."

**David Rockne, Yankton, S. Dak.:** "I like my 2002 **Yardman** Revolution zero turn riding mower equipped with a 17 1/2 hp Briggs & Stratton engine and 42-in. deck.

I've used it to mow my one-acre yard with no problems. I use synthetic oil and change the filters regularly, and I use only regular gas with an added stabilizer fuel. I change the spark plugs every year and use only those sold by Briggs & Stratton."

**Neal Ochs, Villa Rica, Ga.:** "The company I work for bought 20 2011 to 2013 **Dodge Ram 2500** 4-door pickups equipped with 5.7-liter Hemi engines. At 60,000 miles the power steering pump on the one I was driving went out; at 92,000 miles the lifters seized up ruining the camshaft; and at 94,000 miles a head gasket blew. The company had to replace the engine with a long block model."

"My pickup was at the dealer for almost two months. At about 102,000 miles the front end had to be fixed. The truck was purchased with an agreement for free oil changes, but the first time I went in for an oil change the dealer told me to expect a 3-hr. wait. Instead, I went to a quick lube shop and was back on the road in 15 min."

"In general, Dodge offers very poor service here in the Southeast. At this time my company has decided to stop buying Ram pickups."

**Robert L. Brown, Trenton, Neb.:** "My 1985 **Deere 216** riding mower is still running good. It has gone through 3 batteries and 3 sets of mower blades, as well as 4 belts. Otherwise, it has required no major repairs."

**Steve Mead, Hesston, Kansas:** "My **Stihl** pole saw and commercial leaf blower get an A plus rating for easy starting and durability. I've had success using Stihl products for 30 years."

"In 2015 I bought a **My Pillow** as a Christmas special, but I should have read the reviews first. Anyone who's interested in this product should first find out what they're getting. Read the reviews and decide."

**Joe Duggan, Rochester, Mass.:** Joe's the satisfied owner of a 1948 **Farmall H** tractor equipped with aftermarket pto and hydraulics. "This tractor was old and very used when I bought it. But it still starts right up, has good power, and runs great every time. I use it to mow hay, rake and dig post holes. Why don't they make tractors like this any more?"

**Oscar Gustafson, Callahan, Fla.:** "I wish I had test driven my 2014 **Ford F-150** pickup at night before I bought it. I traded in a GM pickup with great headlights. But the first time I drove the Ford at night it reminded me of 1950, when cars used 6-volt DC to run the headlights. The other day the headlights went out for 2 hrs. Not good, because I ran into a thunderstorm and the headlights wouldn't come on."

**Bill Cox, Wonewoc, Wis.:** "It's the best riding mower I've ever used," says Bill about his **Cub Cadet 1042** zero turn model. "The short turning radius reduces my trimming time down to almost nothing. Also, it cuts level."

On the minus side, "My **Kia Optima** is the poorest excuse for a car I've ever seen. Something is always going wrong with it. It has electrical problems that even my dealer can't fix."

**Manuel T. Mayoux, Mansura, La.:** "I've had nothing but good luck with my **Deere 990** tractor. Very dependable."

"I've owned five **Dodge** Chrysler vehicles over the years and have really liked all of them. I just bought a new Dodge Ram 1500 pickup."

**Gloria E. Murray, Dennysville, Maine:** "One of the best products I've ever tried is **Greased Lightning** ([www.greased-lightning.com](http://www.greased-lightning.com); ph 800 646-7730). I first used this product on my gas range but I've found that it can clean almost anything. It works good on clothes, people and vehicles. My husband

## Vet Says Wireless Deer Fence Really Works

"I've tried a lot of ways to keep deer out of my green beans - all of which failed. I found out about The Wireless Deer Fence® this year, and it has worked great - no deer," says Dr. James Brester DVM. The Nashville, Ind., veterinarian learned about it when vaccinating a client's pigs this spring.

The fence, featured in FARM SHOW (Vol. 25, Issue 6) was developed by another Indiana veterinarian, Dr. Keith Betzen DVM, and is actually a series of posts placed up to 25 ft. apart. The 19-in. UV-stabilized poly posts hold scent tubes with sweet oil that attract deer. When they touch it, the deer get a shock from the electrodes and charging circuit powered by two AA batteries that last one season. The small amount of current doesn't cause any harm to animals (or humans), but the negative reinforcement prevents deer from coming back.

Brester placed six posts around his garden and only saw one deer track in his garden this summer. He stepped up the timeline of changing the scent tubes every two weeks instead of a month and hasn't seen any more tracks.

"Rain doesn't affect it," he says. "I really have been pleased. I wish I would have discovered this sooner."



Poly posts hold scent tubes with sweet oil that attracts deer. When they touch tube, deer get a shock from electrodes powered by 2 AA batteries.

The Wireless Deer Fence is sold online ([www.wirelessdeerfence.com](http://www.wirelessdeerfence.com)) in sets of three posts with a year supply's of attractant for \$59.95 plus postage. The fence has a 2-year guarantee.

even uses it to clean around his shop. It comes in a spray bottle, and we usually buy the largest one that we can."

**C. Donald Carpenter, Galway, N.Y.:** A 2016 **Kubota B2301** 4-WD compact loader tractor rates as his "best buy." "This is an easy tractor to use, very convenient and capable. I find I can often leave my bigger tractors in the barn and take care of chores with this smaller tractor with no problems."

**Raymond Daughtry, Ruckersville, Va.:** Raymond has had problems with his **Swisher 66-in.** electric start finish-cut trail mower. "It does a good job of mowing but the belts don't last long, and the mower's design makes it very difficult to replace them. I've made some modifications that make it easier to replace the belt, and I now use a much higher quality belt than the factory one."

**Jarrett Cassellius, Wheeler, Wis.:** "My **Gopher Hawk** gopher trap is well made and a great value ([www.gopherhawk.com](http://www.gopherhawk.com); ph 800 486-8225). It lets me get rid of gophers



and moles from above ground without ever needing to use a shovel. The trap pushes down into the tunnel, eliminating the need to dig down into the gopher mound. It's very easy to use and takes less than 60 seconds to put in the ground. The best part is that I never have to dig up my lawn or field."

On the minus side, he lists his **BlackHawk Talon 175** powered paraglider. "The exhaust on it broke with less than 2 hrs. of running time. When I contacted the dealer he said I must have mixed too much oil in with the gas. What a joke. When you spend \$8,000 on something you'd think the company would stand behind their warranty, but they won't."

**Steven Higgins, Indiana, Penn.:** Steven likes his **Harbor Freight** 12-ton press. "It used to take a long time to replace the bearings on the blades on my 40-year-old WheelHorse riding mower, but with this press it takes only a few minutes."

**G. Franklin Donk, Clyde, N.Y.:** "I've put about 35,000 miles on my 2014 **Chevrolet Silverado LT** crew cab pickup with no major problems. It uses no oil, steers well, and has a quiet ride. It gets about 20 mpg."

**Russell V. Comstock, Macwahoc Plantation, Maine:** "My 2009 **Deere XUV 620i** side-by-side utility vehicle equipped with electric dump and winch wasn't cheap, but it has served me well by carrying everything from manure to rocks to firewood. It tows log splitters and lightweight trailers with ease. It's easy to drive and maneuver and it can traverse rugged ground thanks to its large tires and rugged frame. I'm glad I bought it."

He's had problems with his 2004 **Husqvarna 450** chainsaw. "A few weeks after I bought it the decompression assembly loosened and fell off. I was lucky to spot the part laying in some brush. The starter was reliable at first, but is now prone to flooding. Also, within two years a plastic lever on the carburetor malfunctioned, making the choke and trigger inoperable and the saw unusable."

**Gary Stephens, Dayton, Texas:** Gary's unhappy with the 1,600-lb., 4-wheeled utility cart he bought from **Tractor Supply Co.** "It only lasted 2 1/2 years. Right away the paint started peeling off, and within 2 mo. all the tires split and had to be replaced. I never loaded the cart with more than 475 lbs., yet the welds fell apart and then the wheels, too."

"I could never keep the tires inflated because points sticking up inside the wheels kept puncturing the tubes. I had to replace the tubes several times and ended up replacing all four wheels and tire assemblies with ones purchased from Harbor Freight."

"The metal on the cart's drop-down sides was corroding so I sanded and wire brushed it and then sprayed on Krylon outdoor enamel paint, but it didn't help. The metal just kept

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