

It works well with my 810 John Deere 3-pt. plow with two 14-in. trip bottoms. The tractor and plow fit together as a well-matched combination. The tractor also has ample power and traction to pull my disk with cultipacker and spring-tooth harrow trailing behind."

Mark Fleer, Haskins, Neb.: "I'm happy with our **White 8600** combine. After four years and 3,500 acres of

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corn, we have had no problems. It just keeps going and going, especially the last three years since I set it to the specifications of Ray Stueckle, author of 'Combine Settings for Better Harvesting' (Box 1348, Caldwell, Idaho 83605), which I read about in FARM SHOW. A few phone calls to Ray resulted in an increased speed of 1.3 miles per hour in wet corn. I have to thank FARM SHOW for that.

"Our 8-row **Buffalo** cultivator has also been a 'best buy,'" Mark continues. "I bought it at the urging of a retired farmer but was leary of such a big width in our hills. Also, I had never cultivated with a rear-mount cultivator before and said I never would, but after cultivating with this rig a few days you really get attached to it. A stabilizer for each row helps cut trash and weeds, stops sway on sidehills, and you can go twice as fast — even the first time around."

On the negative side, Mark's unhappy with his 1979 **Ford 150 4-WD** pickup with 400 c.i.d. engine. "The engine knocks whenever it is cold or at first start up in the morning. Terrible gas mileage. My Dad has the same pickup with the same engine and still has a third of a tank of gas when mine is empty. I do, however, like the handling and cab space in the Fords. The dealer has tried to correct the problems."

Harold Cramer, Hidalgo, Ill.: "My best buy ever is my **Allis Chalmers D-19**, propane-powered 1962 model tractor. We've never even had the head off and it has over 4,000 hours. Also, my propane-powered **Allis Chalmers 190XT**, which has about the same number of hours, has never been in the shop for overhaul."

Harold's also pleased with a pair of **Subaru** autos. "I bought the first one in 1971 and liked it so well I bought another one. The first has 110,000 miles on it with no trouble and the other 70,000 miles. They get 40 miles to the gallon and I think they'll run another 100,000 miles."

Herbert Hudson, Trenton, Mo.: "The 'best buy' I've had in the last 60 years of farming is a **Fordson** diesel tractor. In 25 years of use I only had to replace a timing gear."

Herbert says his "worst buy" is "anything metric. You can't find parts anywhere."

L. Gene Feldman, Troy, Idaho: "I had a problem with grass coming in some winter wheat last spring. **Lexone** from **Dupont** was recommended and it worked fine at 1/3 pound per acre. Real pleased," says Gene about his "best buy".

Terry Jubenville, Pain Court, Ontario: "My **Triple OK** semi-mounted 6-bottom plow is easily adjusted, does a nice even job, has lots of clearance for trash, and the rear furrow easily raises for hard going. Service is good."

Edward L. Williams, Fletcher, Okla.: "My **Allis Chalmers F-2** combine was delivered in new condition and ran like it should all season, except for some minor adjustments and malfunctions which the dealer either repaired or gave me the parts for with no questions asked. He didn't even ask for the used parts back.

"I also had an **International 986** that was a lemon from day one. I traded for an older 1086."

Gordon Hevern, Bly, Ore.: "My **New Holland 851** round baler has done a superb job for me," reports Gordon. "I have had no maintenance problems outside of a few minor adjustments which my dealer made for me. I put up over 600 tons of hay in less than half the time it has taken in the past with my old square baler. I highly recommend the 851."

Duane Stoll, Taylor, Texas: "Works great for cleaning up fence-lines and handling heavy **Johnsongrass** infestations with a rope wick applicator," says Duane, pleased with **Roundup** by **Monsanto**. "I had some infestations so thick that you could not see the cotton. After using the applicator with **Roundup** in a two to one mix with water, I got a 99% kill and the **Johnsongrass** fell to the ground, leaving the cotton standing."

Allan Gaetz, Eckville, Alberta: "I have used these grinding wheels in both my nine inch and my four inch angle grinders. In my opinion, this brand does not even come close in durability to other comparatively priced wheels I have used. After the outside edge is gone, the rest of the wheel seems to almost disintegrate before your eyes," says Allan, upset with his "Can grind grinding wheels."

Darrah Roberts, Iowa Falls, Iowa: "My 'best buy' of all time has to be my 1949 **8N Ford** tractor. It has never been overhauled and, after 32 years of service, still doesn't use any oil.

"My worst machine ever was a 3-wheel **Hagie** high-clearance sprayer. The front pedestal snapped off three times. The main frame, which consists of a 6-in. pipe, broke in the field as did one of the rear legs. The tank support boom and front wheel drive were all designed too light and, therefore, failed to give satisfactory service. However, after several years of welding, beefing up and re-designing, this machine is now 'better than factory'. I seldom have trouble in the field of any kind."

Gerry Miller, Grandora, Sask.: **Gerry's** impressed with the **Balemiser** round bale feeder made by **Penclat Enterprises** of Quilchena, British Columbia, which was featured two

years ago in FARM SHOW. "The **Balemiser** is the only machine on the market at the present time that can feed out hard or soft core bales. It even feeds out round bale silage," says Gerry.

"The machine is powered by hydraulics and is easily pulled by a 40 to 60 hp. tractor. The most outstanding feature of the **Balemiser** is its ability to self-load. Also, there's less waste due to trampling by animals since the operator controls distribution of the feed."

Donald Weekes, Glencoe, Ontario: "Does an excellent job of planting solid seeded soybeans on 9-in. centers. Depth of planting, going from sand to clay in the same field, doesn't vary an inch. Press wheels do such a good job of firming ground that we save one trip over our soybean ground," says Donald, pleased with his 8300 **John Deere** grain drill with **Tru Vee** openers and gang press with 4-in. wheels and slow drive kit.

"Another good buy, is the **International 2 plus 2 3588** tractor, which we bought two years ago. They knew what they were doing when they designed this tractor. It's a four-wheel drive that handles like a two-wheel drive. Very pleased."

Dennis Herrmann, Edelstein, Ill.: "The steeper slope and single door make it a more convenient and practical wagon than others we've had in the past," says Dennis, pleased with his **Brent 400** bu. gravity flow wagon. "Brent seems to be doing an excellent job for a comparatively reasonable price."

Robert Butt, Flaxcombe, Sask.: Robert nominates two "worst buys". "Our **N-5 Allis Chalmers** combine never should have left the factory. It was very poorly assembled. The concave has never shimmed properly and the unloading auger universal was not put together right. Very poor feeding in wheat because of the concave. An electric over hydraulic failure caused excessive plugging. There were other problems but your paper doesn't have enough room to list them," he told FARM SHOW.

Robert is also disappointed with his 1974 **850 Versatile** tractor. "It had

dad thinks there's only one color of tractor — green and yellow.

"Our second 'best buy' is an 8440 Deere that has all the features of the 4440. Easy to work on and a great ride."

Lawrence Paul Corbin, Shelbina, Mo.: He's happy with his **New Holland TR-85** combine equipped with 43-in. wide **Terra** tires and **Mud Hog** drive. "I combined 1,000 acres of wheat during the 1981 Midwest 'monsoon season.' I was hooked onto only once and never opened the side doors since I didn't plug the machine even once. It combined green smartweed which stood higher than the reel, and picked up down barley, salvaging 50 bushels per acre of clean grain."

Darrel Baker, Knox City, Mo.: He says his "best buy" ever is his **Sachs-Dolmar 123** chain saw. "I bought it with a 24-in. chain and bar to use for cutting firewood and posts. I decided that a longer bar would be useful sometimes, so I bought a 30-in. chain and bar also. The saw has power to spare even using the 30-in. bar. It starts easily and is ready to work with little warm-up in cold weather. Quiet running with low tone and little vibration."

On the other hand, his "rope saw" from **Holst, Inc.**, gave him problems. "It came with two 25-ft. flexible cutting cables. The cutting part is mainly a steel cable with a few round beads to cut the limb. I tried it out on a low limb first, about 3-in. in dia. I pulled the ropes for 30 min. and it still had not cut through half-way. A hand saw is tiresome, but it cuts through wood a lot faster and with less work."

Frank Dhamers, Geneso, Ill.: "It just simply didn't work the way the manufacturer said it would," says Frank about **Hoelon** from **American Hoechst Corp.** "I sprayed it on grass 1/2 to 1 in. high. It was supposed to kill the grass, but it sure didn't. In fact, I think it helped the grass grow better."

Edward Bouma, Milaca, Minn.: "What a pleasure to clean barns now!" says Edward, pleased with his **Acorn Manufacturing** manure pump. "I wouldn't part with the pump after two years use. It works fine, anytime during the day or night."

Edwards adds that he had to work some "bugs" out of his **DeLaval** pipeline milker. "With alternating 50/50 pulsation, the milkers would fall off every cow after being on only a minute or so. We cured that by changing to 4 at a time, 70/30 pulsation. It works much better now. Had good cooperation from the dealer and factory servicemen."

Robert Ferrell, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.: Robert's pleased with his **Massey Ferguson** combine. "We replaced just three belts, and four bearings in over 4,000 acres. We replaced the original cylinder bars with **Auscherman** bars, which increased the machine's capacity due to more aggressive threshing action. A well-built machine. Excellent dealer service."

engine problems in the first 200 hours of service. Three sleeves and pistons had to be replaced as well as a jammed injector. It had a universal that wouldn't take grease and was very difficult to work on. All the problems took place when we needed the tractor.

"By far my 'best buy' was my 1979 4440 **John Deere** tractor which we have put roughly 1,600 hours on without an hour of down time. It's easy on fuel, has the best of rides and has excellent power for its size. My

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