

long as they get you out of their hair. Not all of them, but a good proportion of them."

**Real Deslauriers, Napierville, Quebec:** "This tractor has power to spare," says Real, happy with his Case 2090 tractor. "Handy controls, excellent cab, fuel economy, power shift transmission and it gets the best possible service from my local dealer."

**Bruce B. Anderson, Waconia, Minn.:** "In the fall of 1978, I bought a Natural Curing brand drying/storage bin at a time when corn was around 20% moisture. We found out that we do not have enough heat units per day to dry the corn and it took till the following spring and summer to dry the 13,000 bu. completely. In 1979, the fall was wetter with corn at about 28 to 30% moisture and higher. We ended up with a lot of damaged corn. I did dry 4,000 bu. of beans with it from 19% to 12½% moisture in three days of running during daylight hours only. But, to spend over \$20,000 for a galvanized garbage can that doesn't dry in the fall is questionable. I can't contract new crop corn unless I dry a couple thousand bushels at a time.

"I'm pleased with my new White 4-row 378 corn cultivator. It has the Danish spring teeth."

**Wesley Larrabee, Shoreham, Vt.:** "We've found that our 3002 Agtec orchard sprayer has done an exceptional job keeping our orchard covered this 1981 growing year," says Wesley.

**Lloyd Kuchta, Yankton, S. Dak.:** "A real lemon and no service is what I got when I bought my International 1086 tractor." Lloyd told FARM SHOW. "The tractor used one gallon of oil a day while it was still under warranty. They said it would stop but, when it got worse, they overhauled it and gave me the bill. Thanks to Farmer's Coop and the warranty I got for using their oil in the engine, they paid for the overhaul.

"I also had trouble with the torque shifting down at idle while it was under International warranty and they told me it wasn't anything to worry about. Later, after the warranty was out, I learned from a different dealer that it shouldn't shift down at

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idle. I told my dealer and he then admitted the information was correct but that the warranty was out and he couldn't do a thing about it.

"The tractor shifts hard, rides rough, steers hard, a person can't see the drawbar from the seat, the front wheels stand at an angle so the tires wear out on the outside. It is truly a real lemon," he concludes.

"My 'best buy' would have to be Farmers Coop Oil."

**Jon W. Brower, Claremont, Minn.:** Jon was pleased by the results of Sutan-Plus by Stauffer Chemical Co. "I had excellent control of grass in my corn by incorporating Sutan. I applied three quarts per acre and incorporated twice with a field cultivator," he says.

"On the other hand, I applied Treflan on my soybean fields and double incorporated it with a field cultivator and had poor soybean emergence on sloping land and poor foxtail control on heavy level land. I used Treflan two years earlier on the same ground incorporated with a disk and had excellent results."

**Evan J. Brown, Richfield, Idaho:** "We bought our first three-wheeler two years ago and were so pleased with it we bought a second one this year," says Evan, happy with his Honda ATC. "It's the least cost piece of equipment on the farm. Two people can ride it and you can haul everything from a sack of salt to 40 ft. of gated irrigation pipe.

"Although this isn't really a 'worst buy', we had a bad experience with our 9700 Ford tractor. The tractor has worked out fine, but before it was even unloaded we noticed one bad tire and also that both rear axles were leaking oil. Both the driver of the truck and the dealer assured us the problems would be taken care of but so far we have not been reimbursed as promised."

**Lloyd Dupree, Wathena, Kan.:** "This tractor is a pleasure to operate; very easy on diesel fuel and handles easily," says Lloyd about his "best buy" International 786. "We find it's small enough for cultivating but big enough for heavy jobs like disking, plowing, and so forth."

**R.J. Kraft, New Braunfels, Tex.:** He likes his IH 1086 tractor. "Our 1086 came equipped with radial tires, giving the tractor better than normal traction and, when we were given a chance to try duals, we were pleased with even more complete traction and less compaction. We were disappointed with the electronic instrument panel on the tractor, though. It gave incorrect readings and could not be adjusted. The dealer finally obtained a new panel for us."

**Terry Frommelt, Guttenberg, Iowa:** "This is a super baler," reports Terry about his Vermeer 605F round baler. "Most new equipment requires a percentage of warranty work but the only repair work I've done after custom-baling 1,500 bales is on one sealed bearing, a couple bolts in the pickup bar and I replaced three belts. In the first 1,000 bales, I didn't have a single problem."

He's not satisfied, however, with his Duracraft 6-in. bench vise. "When you put an item in one side of the vise it does not tighten evenly in the jaws. When the jaws are tightened by hand only, using no extra leverage on the handle, the screw in the vise will jump a thread when it is almost tight."

**Gilles Dehoog, Jr., Lynden, Wash.:** "My 'best buy' is a model 698 Weed Eater," says Gilles. "The gas motor has lots of power for its size. With the

nylon line you can trim around buildings, fence lines or just anywhere. With the brush blade I've cut trees two inches in diameter.

"I also like my John Deere 2640 tractor. It's small enough to scrape around the barn lot and, putting out 80 horsepower, it's just right for field work.

"My brother and I work together and another good buy is the John Deere 4440 he bought this spring. It's twice as much tractor as the 3020 (1968) he traded in but cost five times the \$8,000 price our dad paid for the 3020. Dad, at 73 years of age, grew up with horses and it usually takes him a year before he tries out a new piece of equipment, but not this one. We had the 4440 only one week when he had to try it out."

**John A. Grady, Downey, Idaho:** John likes his Wade Rain wheel line irrigation system. "It's built very sturdy with 5-in. aluminum pipe and easily moves across the hilly terrain on my farm. The dealer replaced at no charge all of the Rainbird heads, which were found to be defective a year after the purchase."

John reports some problems with his 1980 Ford F-100 pickup. "The steering pulled severely to the right. I had it examined, and supposedly corrected, three times. The third time I was charged for an alignment and axle bending by the dealer who said the warranty did not cover steering defects. Since that, the truck now pulls left, although not as badly. Also, fuel economy is much less than the EPA estimate."

**Michael Woodland, Paul, Idaho:** His Miller portable welder and Alloway 12-row cultivator, are "best buys". "The Miller has been very dependable. It has enough capacity even for demanding jobs and makes a great backup generator when the power goes off. The Alloway has allowed me to get the cultivating done faster and do a better job than ever before. I really like the tunnel shields, even in our rocky conditions."

**David Osbeck, Claremont, Minn.:** "I bought my 750 Honda in 1975 and it now has 32,000 miles. I'm sure it has another 32,000 miles left to go," says David, about his "best buy". "I change oil and filter every 2,000 miles. It never sits in the winter with dirty oil in it. The only problem is that gas mileage could be better. I feel that 36 miles per gallon is rather low. But, having had no repair costs, it will be easy to choose my next cycle."

**Bob Dueck, Dunrea, Man.:** "My John Deere 580 25 ft. pull-type swather sure has proved itself," says Bob. "I have replaced nothing after three crop years. It cuts hay and even goes through green, tough flax like a charm. Excellent performance with no noise or clatter."

**Ted A. Pekar, Granger, Tex.:** Ted likes his John Deere cotton stripper. "We had our 30-in. row header and stripper delivered to us just before last year's harvest. Now, after two seasons, only one bearing has needed replacing. Hardly any adjusting is ever necessary."

As "worst buy", Ted nominates his "Wood's Brothers 320 Bat Wing shredder. After a lot of trouble, the

company service people haven't shown up for 18 months. First the gear teeth and gear box fell apart for a cost of \$1,200. After only one year, all the drive lines had to be replaced for another cost of several hundred. Truly a pile of junk."

**Carrol Wrinkle, Ontario, Ore.:** His two "best buys" are his Ace Cultipacker and Case offset disk. "I bought the culti-packer from our local Ford dealer. It's a good buy and works well in our heavy clay soil. Does well in clods and crust. Pulls either way — one side is regular and the other side grinds harder on clods. The Case disk really cuts, especially in straw and ground cover. It covers well, cuts deep and leaves little grooming in the field."

**Robert Caissie, Moncton, New Brunswick:** "My new Belarus 420

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tractor is one of the best buys I ever made, but I get poor service around this part of the country. I'd like to know if all Belarus dealers are the same."

On the minus side, Robert notes that, "My 550 Cockshutt tractor is no good. In every way it is too costly, including fuel and parts."

**Donald Brotzman, Jasper, N.Y.:** Donald's best and worst buy are the same machine — his 1978 Chevrolet Impala. "It was good on gas and gave a very quiet ride but there were problems. The plastic parts cracked, the heater switch broke, and edge moldings were poor. It needed a new starter at 30,000 miles and a new radiator core at 35,000 miles. The anti-freeze from the factory turned acidic and ate up the core."

**Gene C. Deckard, Sadler, Tex.:** Gene nominates his pair of Massey Ferguson model 33 grain drills as best buys. "I drilled 800 acres with only one stop — a broken roller chain. The drills are simple and have ample strength.

"Another good buy was Dual herbicide, which did a great job controlling nutsedge and prickly sida. The 2½ gallon plastic jugs are much easier to destroy than five gallon cans."

Gene adds that he's had some problems with his 750 Massey Ferguson combine. "It ran 1,000 plus acres the first season with only one stop. During wheat harvest this year it had 18 stops, including broken bell cranks, two bearings, four broken hydraulic lines alternator, voltage regulators and air conditioner problems. To be fair though, it cut 300 acres of milo without a stop. The capacity and grain sample is great and the machine is easy to set and operate."

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