

Randomly selected farmers "tell it like it is" in nominating their "best" and "worst" buys.

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Farmers Nominate Best, Worst Buys

Norman Zemliska, Richland, Mont.: In your Vol. 5, No. 1, 1981 issue of FARM SHOW, you printed a 'worst buy' report from a South Dakota farmer, unhappy with a grain cleaner he purchased from the Grain King Corp., Brooklyn Center, Minn. Unfortunately, I didn't read his remarks until after I had ordered and paid for a cleaner from them. I sent them a check on January 26, which was to include freight charges. At the time of the transaction, it was clearly stated that this cleaner would be used solely for wheat so I was naturally under the impression that it would come with wheat screens.

"On January 30, I gave them a call. At that time, I was told that the cleaner was on the way, so I waited. In March, I finally found out that several cleaners, including mine, had been shipped to Denver. They were being held there until the \$436.83 shipping charges had been paid. At that time, the carrier agreed with me that it had been damaged. One leg was bent and a shaker arm broken. I

der skid loader, also has numerous mechanical failures. Finally gave up on it and bought a Gehl 2600, which we like very well."

Wendell adds that his Deutz 13006 has been a good buy. "Starts good, is real economical, has good lugging power and very few mechanical problems. There's no overheating and no worries about anti-freeze."

Albert J. Kaufmann, Woodburn, Ore.: "Even if there is no one higher up the corporate ladder for me to complain to, I can nominate Interna-

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tional Harvester as my worst buy," Albert told FARM SHOW, saying that he'd just gone through "my second week-long wait for parts. The dealer agrees that waiting a week for parts is too long but says there is nothing he can do and no one higher up to complain to. The dealer would be more than happy to sell me a new piece of equipment. He always is, but I'll think twice before buying more IH equipment, even if there is a Red Edge."

J.M. Shinker, Prairie du Sac, Wis.: "I bought a Moss Fuel Master hydrogen injector for making hydrogen on-the-go in my car after reading about it in FARM SHOW last September. I installed the unit in October and kept detailed records during use under various driving conditions. The results? Negative. I then read with interest your January FARM SHOW report that Moss would replace all units purchased by readers with a new and improved model. I waited until May before writing them. As of this time, I have heard nothing."

Wilbur Adkison, Fitzgerald, Ga.: "It's the only equipment on the farm that doesn't dollar me to death. You hitch up, make a few minor adjustments, and go to work without worrying about breakdowns," says Wilbur, happy with four pieces of equipment from Kelley Manufacturing — a 4-row peanut inverter, a ripper/bedder, a rolling cultivator and a Tillervator. "The inverter, in particular, does a perfect job of digging, shaking and inverting peanuts."

J. Robert Bishop, Leesburg, Ind.: Robert nominates his New Holland skid loader as "best buy". "This loader is low in height, which makes it good for our use. It handles easy and has a good reach when loading. We did have a chain break but they came out and fixed it the same day."

Fred Hildenbrand, Ruffs Dale, Penn.: Heading his "best buy" list is his Deere 7000 conservation 4-row corn planter. "It does a wonderful job covering seed planted in sod. The stand and seed drop is very good, even planting at 6 mph. I'm very pleased."

Fred has mixed feelings about his

hauled it home and had it fixed. At that time, we discovered that it was equipped with corn screens, which are worthless to me. I immediately called Grain King Corporation and they told me they would ship out the correct screens the following day. I have received nothing.

"I wrote a letter to the Better Business Bureau of Minnesota relating my experiences. This is definitely the 'worst buy' I ever made."

Keith H. Oldewurtel, Slayton, Minn.: "It's the best cultivator I've ever used," says Keith about his Hiniker "Econo-O-Till" 6 row cultivator from Hiniker Manufacturing, Mankato, Minn. "It's strong and heavy. Really stays on the row because it has a big coulter between each row."

"Another product that I would nominate as a 'best-buy' are Aerolift doors from Aerolift, of Eden Prairie, Minn. They fold in the middle like an airplane hangar door. I have two of them on my machine shed and would recommend them to anyone who is either building a machine shed or remodeling an old one."

Wendell Carlson, Willmar, Minn.: He's disappointed with his Saab 99 auto. "The starter went bad and the new one cost more than \$300. I spent half my time in the repair shop for that and other repair jobs."

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