

Wis., has saved us a lot on hot water heating bills.

"Also, I bought an International Cyclo planter in 1972 and never had a complaint with the stands I got, either for myself or my neighbor, whom I also did work for. Last year, we traded it in on a new 8-row planter and again, have had no problems. I do believe they could make a handier transport for moving on roads, though."

**Mark Douglas, Fredericktown, Ohio:** "The knife sharpener and shear bar require a fraction of the time to set that our old machine did," says Mark, happy with his John Deere 3940 forage harvester. "Handles the crop well with a uniform cut, and has electric cab controls that really work. Low maintenance except for hard-to-grease heads.

"We're also pleased with our Better Bilt manure pump. It does just what the dealer said it would do, busting up solids and loading out fast. We can empty our pit in half the time we used to spend with a vacuum pump spreader. Also, it drains out to avoid freeze-up during the winter."

**Ernest Yoder, Rustburg, Va.:** "By mistake, I put Ammine 2-4-D into liquid nitrogen and got cheese. I added Suspend and it saved my day," relates Ernest, a custom applicator who's enthusiastic about the compatibility agent. "Another product that worked great for me was Ciba-Geigy's Dual herbicide. Grass control was excellent in both corn and soybeans in the more than 1,000 acres we covered last year. No complaints at all from customers," Ernest reports.

**Robert Kalar, Aurora, Neb.:** "Very satisfied, both with the cultivator's performance and with the company's interest in their product after it leaves the factory," Robert told FARM SHOW about his good experience with the Buffalo All-Flex Cultivator from Fleischer Mfg. Co., Columbus, Neb. "Like the design and workmanship on the machine. When I did have a problem stabilizing the cultivator, due to adverse conditions, I called the company. They sent a man out the same day. Not only did he solve the problem, but also explained the fuel economy, moisture conservation and reduced erosion benefits of the Buffalo till-plant system."

On the minus side, Robert's upset with his Sunbeam Trim Champ TC1 string trimmer. "The line wouldn't feed out. When I took it back to the store, they had quit handling the trimmer. I wrote the company about the problem but never heard from them. Since the machine was completely worthless to us, we replaced it with a Homelite gas-powered string trimmer, which does a fine job."

**Denny Kuehling, Unity, Wis.:** "We think the effort put out for us by salesmen and engineers in planning and designing an efficient dairy facility was first rate. The workmanship and quality of their products is absolutely top notch," says Denny, happy with Berg Equipment, of Marshfield, Wis. "We used their cow tie-stalls, and ties for heifers right down to little calves, several maturity pens, and an efficient ventilation system. Thanks to FARM SHOW for the

chance to publicly thank this company for its quality products and service."

**Joseph R. Buckman, Lebanon, Ky.:** "I have no real lemon products but I do have some complaints about company unwillingness to correct problems, poor parts availability and

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often unreasonable attitudes. There is a lack of dealer knowledge and most will not try to educate customers on operation, maintenance, and problems that will arise."

On the plus side, Joseph's pleased with his Regency two-way, 40 watt business radios. "Just put them in operation three months ago. Good for managing men and machines, with a clear and fair range. Don't know yet on service and durability, due to the short time I've owned them."

**Terry Heeke, Dubois, Ind.:** "Runs forever on a tank of fuel," says Terry about his "best buy" John Deere 950 tractor with a rotary tiller. "The tiller works great working up turkey litter, and our garden. The 950 has plenty of power for a smaller tractor and we've had no problems. Best money we ever spent."

**DeWitt Van Noy, Canadaigua, N.Y.:** He likes his 346 Deere wire baler. "I'm able to go along in fourth gear with no hesitation at all and still end up with a firm, consistent size bale. A great asset to quick and easy baling."

He's displeased, though, with Deere's 1209 hay conditioner. "I'm disappointed in the way the conditioner was built. Hay builds up on the stub guards and, consequently, they plug and break off. The rolls don't mesh together evenly when conditioning, with approximately a ¼ in. difference where the rolls touch and don't touch. As much trouble as we've had with it, I have no complaints on the service and time Deere mechanics gave us in trying to correct, the problems of this poorly designed product."

**Kenneth Ruhl, Quin, Mo.:** He's pleased with his 20-ft. Tye grain drill. "I use it for seeding soybeans, wheat and milo. Helped by 2-in. by 13-in. press and gauge wheels, it does an excellent job of placing seed. Like the large hopper; adjustment for amount of seed dropped is simple. Had no maintenance problems in my first season's use."

On the minus side, he's had problems with his Eversman 2400 land plane. "I can't place the blame on the machine itself, but rather on the company and the dealer I bought it from. I couldn't get anyone to assist in setting up the machine and seeing

that it was operating properly. I still haven't been able to get it to work satisfactorily."

**Ralph Paarlberg, Grant Park, Ill.:** "This plow has never done a good job and, in spite of three of four tries by company servicemen, it's still not right," says Ralph about his "worst buy" White 598 plow. "The local dealer agrees it's not right but has never corrected the problem. After one season's use, he did replace the backbone because the pivot point of the third bottom was welded on at an angle instead of vertically. It still leaves a dirty and uneven furrow and depth cannot be changed without making mechanical adjustments on the tail and gauge wheels. The last letter I received, certified mail from White, told me in a nice way that they will do nothing more to try to correct the problem. I feel I paid for a new "Cadillac" and got a junked Ford.

"I do like the spring automatic reset bottoms on the plow, however, and also the hydraulically adjustable width of cut."

**Robert Schlarau, Arcadia, Wis.:** "Total installed cost was about \$1,000," reports Robert about his "best buy" add-on wood furnace, the Maxi-Miser 29 from Therm-Kon, in Galesville, Wis. "This brick-lined furnace has a 150-lb. capacity firebox and, when matched with its recommended thermostatic fan kit, gives good distribution to all ends of the house. The firebox is air-tight with an adjustable draft door that's regulated by a heat sensitive coiled spring. In subzero weather, it'll hold enough wood to last 10 hrs."

**Rodney Gibson, Wallace, Neb.:** He's pleased with his Gehl 99 forage blower. "Doesn't take much horsepower to blow forage to the top of our silo. It's easy to service and, if you do plug it, the panels come off easily. I'd recommend it to anyone needing a forage blower."

**Clarence King, Knoxville, Penn.:** "We've had good luck with this drill," says Clarence, pleased with his Massey Ferguson 33 grain drill. "The only trouble I had with it was that the paint on the inside of the seed conductor came off and plugged the seed tubes. We cleaned them out and had no further trouble. The machine is both light and rugged."

**Jerry Epperson, Vandalia, Mo.:** Dual herbicide is the best I've ever used," says Jerry. "I was using Lasso at 2½ quarts and you couldn't till it. I used 1 qt. of Dual on beans and corn last year and my fields were spotless."

On the negative side, "the carburetor was bad so we put a new one on at 150 miles. The rear end went out at 3,000 miles and the brakes have completely failed twice. It gets 3 mi. to the gal.," reports Jerry about his 1979 Ford LN 800 with 429 engine. "I took it back to the dealer, but he wouldn't look at the transmission because it wasn't making any noise. It was so hot, though, that it burned all the paint off the rear end."

**Burt Kretschmar, Canton, N.Y.:** Burt's had trouble with his "Boumatic" pair-type milkers. Since purchase, we've had constant problems with the pulsation system, repairing and

replacing parts often. It has too many hoses that are too long and improperly placed. We've been testing one Bodmin NuPulse milker for several months, and now plan to change from Boumatic to the NuPulse system."

Burt's "best buy" is his Deutz 8006 diesel tractor. "It's stepped up to 100 hp., giving it plenty of power. Reliable and versatile, it starts well in all weather and is economical on fuel. It has saved me money."

**Lytle Cross, Bunker Hill, Kan.:** Lytle's pleased with his Hesston 6450 swather. "Little down time, easy to adjust if needed, has plenty of power, dealer service is good, the cab's quiet and clean, and the radiator doesn't clog up like the old one did," he says.

He's upset, however, with Rockwell's cordless drill. "They've repaired it three times — I've only used it six times. Too poorly built even to drill a 1/8 in. hole in soft wood."

**Robert Pickens, Salineville, Ohio:** "Dad calls it a toy baler. It's too light, you can't hurry it and you can't bale tough hay," Robert says, disappointed with his "Massey Ferguson square baler. It miss-ties three bales a load or more, beats the leaves off the alfalfa in the pick-up, and plugs on the edge of the pickup. Good thing we have a round baler to get some hay made."

On the plus side, Robert's happy with his Chem-Farm spray system: "I can change rates on the go. Excellent agitation, automatic shut-off and virtually trouble free."

**Charles Haas, Custer, Ohio:** "Except for certain needed improvements, this is a good machine," says Charles, about his 1440 International rotary combine. "It needs separate concaves for wheat and corn and soybeans, and a straw chopper, which is not now available. Also, the grain feeds heavy on the right side of the cleaning shoe so there should be four blank-out plates on the first concave.

"Has a good header that cuts beans close to the ground. The outside points stay clean in all kinds of conditions. Wish the 145-bu. grain tank was bigger for our 6-row corn head, and have found it takes more power to run a rotary than a conventional combine."

Charles is pleased with his "best buy" Deere 4440 tractor. "No breakdowns except an alternator wire that broke twice in two years. Has a cloth seat that floats for and aft and up and down with the bumps. Excellent."

**Kent Antes, Syracuse, Neb.:** "The best seedbed finishing tool and chemical incorporator I've ever seen," Kent reports about his Neimeyer power harrow. "It's reassuring to have a good dealer and parts inventory when buying a new machine, and I've got both. No other pto-driven harrow compares."

**James Young, Jr., Stratford, Tex.:** "The Remington Mity Mite 500 chain saw has both good and bad characteristics," says James. "The saw starts and runs well, with plenty of power, but it's hard to maintain proper chain tension. Once you set the tension, it tightens up and locks. When you loosen the tension, the chain gets floppy."