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On the plus side, Richard's well satisfied with his Case 2470 4-wheel-drive tractor. "It's got the power, traction and stability to pull heavy tillage implements over my rolling fields. Very maneuverable and easy to drive, and it has a good cab. You can actually hear the radio when the engine is running."

Donald L. Kramer, Lewis, Ind.: "Effectively replaces the moldboard plow," says Don about his Hutmast 12-ft. "rolling plow" offset disc. "Really saved us last spring when rain kept all our other equipment out of fields. Does an excellent job of primary tillage, cutting through heavy growth. We pulled it at 6 mph with a 2470 Case tractor."

Donald's also happy with his Kewanee 8-row folding rotary hoe, model 470. "Does a good clean job. Folds hydraulically."

Harold Tendick, Jr., Mt. Pulaski, Ill.: He's well pleased with his White 2-135 tractor. "Haven't had any trouble with it in the first year. Has good power, is easy to handle and has a quiet cab. Couldn't be happier."

Harold nominates FARM SHOW as another best buy: "We look forward to each issue. Keep up the good work."

Lowell Wykle, Radcliffe, Ia.: "There's less labor in farrowing and the pigs do better because they stay cleaner," reports Lowell of his Emert farrowing house. "It's portable so you can use it on a rented farm and the cost per litter is low."

Lowell also likes his International model 720 plow. "Has good clearance plowing heavy stalks so there's no plugging. Also like the way it turns the ground and works without any coverboards or curved rolling cutters."

Don Reynolds, Farnhamville, Iowa: "Very happy with the results. Controlled 90% of the sunflowers and cocklebur in our bean fields," says Don of Sencor herbicide mixed with Treflan. Also on his best buy list is an 8 row, 3 pt. Model 7100 Deere Max Emerge planter with a monitor. "After the initial setting, we are very pleased with this corn and soybean planter."

Gordon Byler, Alma, Neb.: "It does what the company claims," says Gordon of his "best buy" International 1486 tractor. Performance has been very good. The cab is very quiet and tight. Fuel economy for horsepower is real good. Handles well and has a good seat. The warranty is good. I like the lugging ability of this particular model."

Gordon adds that "I think some of my worst new purchases have been replacement parts, especially the purchase of high priced belts on combines, etc."

Paul Haverlah, Orange Grove, Tex.: He's well pleased with his Burch Hippin Ridger. "I had some land cut and planed. There were some hard, bare places. But, after listing the land and repeatedly going over it with my Hippin Ridger, it was really loose and mellow and produced equally as good as the filled in places."

Sterman Masser, Valley View, Pa.: "This tractor is everything we had expected and more. Very quiet and comfortable. Excellent visibility for work and hookup," says Sterman of his IH 1486. "We received the tractor from the dealer after it was prepared and started using it without having any minor or major reasons to call him for service."

Sterman adds that he is disappointed with a Power Kleen vacuum cleaner. "No power to do what it was advertised to do."

Raymond Nolt, New Holland, Pa.: He's well pleased with an electric Fyre Spike prod for hogs from Franklin Laboratories. "It has a short section for using it with hogs. For cattle, an attachment is available which extends the reach."

Ralph Leymaster, Cedar Falls, Ia.: "I have to laugh at myself for thinking I could get anything worthwhile

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for that price." I sent for \$4.44 implement seat covers from Maranatha Supply in Kenton, Ohio, and they just weren't what I thought they would be from the ad in the farm magazine. There just wasn't enough to fasten to an implement seat."

On the other hand, Ralph's "best buy" is an IHC 1086 diesel tractor. "Fuel efficiency is a lot better than the 1066 we traded in on it and we like the 85 gal. fuel tank. The cab as well as the ride is also better and we like the air conditioning. Our dealer in Waterloo can't be beat for service."

Jim Richardson, Marion, N.Y.: "We're using less seed than ever before and getting almost perfect stands," says Jim about his John Deere Max Emerge 7000 planter. "We planted 2300 acres of corn in 1978 and it performed perfectly no matter what kind of soil we were planting in. Depth is easy to adjust."

Arthur Bange, Annoda, Mo.: "It's a great plow," says Arthur of his International 720. "It has enough clearance to plow stalk ground without disking, and it does a good job of turning under the stalks. With my old plow, I had to disk the stalks first and it still didn't turn them under as good as this plow does. This new plow also has other features that I like. For example, you can trip the bottoms and hold them up to change shares without crawling under it."

Wes Hoover, Marshalltown, Ia.: "I straightened one mile of creek with the 36 in. bucket on the 740 Arps backhoe. It has the longest reach of any machine I could find."

Terry Vollmer, Oxford, Ohio: Terry nominates his IH 1486 and

1586 tractors as "best buys", as well as two Model 720 IH 6-16 plows. "I like the way the two tractors handle, the comfort of the cabs and, especially, the ease of maintenance," reports Terry. "Last season we plowed over a thousand acres and only had to stop twice to unplug the plows. This was in all kinds of conditions and in all types of weather."

Terry had some trouble with his New Holland TR-70 combine but was well pleased with its overall performance. "We had five breakdowns that required the dealer to come out and repair. We received excellent service, even though we are more than 60 miles away. Despite the down time, we were very pleased."

"Probably the best buy I ever made is my 1975 Ford F-250 pickup. The truck has over 80,000 miles on it with only regular maintenance. We use it to tow gravity wagons and haul fuel, along with all of our tools. Some of our acreage is 25 miles apart so it has been put to the test."

W. Wayne Johnson, Salina, Ks.: He's well pleased with his Great Plains Grain Drill. "Its 30-ft. field width can be in road position in less than 2½ min. It's flexible and easily maneuverable in the field as well as on the road. The 75 bu. capacity cuts down on drill-fill stops."

J. Lamar Norris, Elmore, Ala.: He's disappointed with his Ford 9600 tractor. "The hydraulics are defective. Dealer has worked on it on two occasions and has since quit trying to fix it."

On the other hand, he's happy with his "best buy" Case 1370 tractor. "Always performs like it should. A good tractor."

Adelbert N. Tallman, Nunda, N.Y.: He's pleased with his Gehl 800 corn chopper with 2-row rubber gathering belt corn head. "Has tremendous capacity, runs easily and is very well-built. The new-style row crop head worked great on tall corn, short corn and corn so full of grass and weeds that a conventional head just couldn't be used without plugging."

He also likes his Gilmore Tatge Dump Chief side dump wagon. "Works flawlessly, is rugged and certainly simplifies silo filling."

Adelbert is disappointed with last year's performance of Sutan Plus from Stauffer Chemical. "Weed kill on nutgrass, foxtail and velvet leaf was non-existent. Have used it before with much better results. Maybe I received a bad batch."

Milton Bultema, Wimbeldon, N.D.: "Why can't American-made tractors have this same economy," says Milton, who nominates his English-built Case-David Brown 1412 tractor with a 219 cu. in. turbocharged engine as his best buy. "Its economy is unbelievable. It replaced a 3010 diesel for me and uses about half the fuel. We use it as a second tractor for seeding, light fieldwork and we have a loader on it. Also use it to grind feed with a 425 Artsway Mixer Mill for my 600 to 700 head hog operation. Both steering and shifting are smooth. After 850 hours in 18 months, we have no complaints."

Robert E. Heyen, Petersburg, Ill.: He's been happy with his new John Deere 4440 diesel tractor. "Like the new hydraulic seat, larger fuel tank and cab," he reports.

Robert's had trouble with a Sears air-operated grease gun. "Just won't work if held upside down," he reports.

Frank Thomas, Danville, Ind.: "My old John Deere grain drill was something you could be proud of — this new drill isn't," says Frank, who's unhappy with his model 8200 John Deere wheat drill. "It's very poorly constructed. The John Deere cylinder strains the tongue and the whole drill when extended. The press wheels don't roll when the ground is damp and the acre counter has never been accurate. Dealer did give us a new marker, but it's still not right."

On the plus side, Frank is well pleased with his 4430 John Deere tractor. "After 9500 hours we've had no great problems. You never have to touch the brake and I think John Deere has the best hydraulic system of any tractor manufacturer, although their seats have never been as comfortable as Allis Chalmers or International Harvester."

R. A. Eavenson, Dewy Rose, Ga.: He likes his IH Axial Flow combine. "We cut the cleanest beans with the least splits we've ever had, gaining at least 1 mph in field travel time. Extra large, quiet cab."

Don Berryman, Cebolla, N.M.: He's pleased with his DuraCraft metal-cutting band saw. "Works well on pipe and cuts to any angle," says Don. "We also like our McCulloch chain saw. It's light, easy to handle and runs well."

He's unhappy, however, with an emulsifiable degreaser he bought from Trans-World Chemical. "Very expensive and didn't work," he reports.

Douglas Stueber, Watertown, Wis.: "We bought it last winter and unloaded quite a bit of frozen silage," says Douglas, who likes Jamesway's Volumatic III silo unloader. "Unloads fast and keeps the side clean. Very little maintenance."