

# "Best" and "Worst" Buys

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**Richard Crawford, Port Royal, Pa.:** He's sold on his new Schwartz 760 mixer wagon: "Does an excellent job of mixing and unloading; milk production has really increased with the total mixed ration." Richard's complaint is with the electronic scale on the wagon. "One weigh cell has been replaced, another one is faulty. The controls apparently are sensitive to moisture," he points out.

**Royce Bonnicksen, Columbus Junction, Iowa:** "I like it real well but it could be improved," he says of his 6600 Deere combine. "I wish engineers would run a combine once. Why can't they make the feeder housing run backward so you could unplug it? The hand crank that lets the concave up and down is a big joke. On the last two Deere combines I've had it never worked — and is it ever a job to do it with a pipe wrench. Also, the cylinder speed control is a joke — the little bicycle chains won't stay on. These are two big selling points on Deere combines and they would be better off if they had something on the outside that did work."

Several FARM SHOW readers gave manufacturers poor marks for providing poorly written instruction manuals, or for not providing any manual at all. Says Orville Ladage, Virden, Ill., who bought a Hiniker flexible floating cutter bar for his Gleaner combine: "When it came, assembly instructions were not included. The dealer made several phone calls, plus sent a letter to the company. I made a phone call to the manufacturer and was promised that a book would be in the same day's

mail. After 18 months I still haven't received it. The dealer finally got a book about 6 weeks after delivery of the cutter bar when I was half done combining."

Howard Friederich, Kaylor, S.D. faults the sales literature for his disappointment with his new Shaver hydraulic post driver: "I bought it last fall and tried to drive some posts. Took me 15 min. to drive the first post only about 2 ft. I asked the dealer if the posts had to be sharpened. He didn't know. He questioned the distributor about it. After a lot of wasted time, they finally admitted that the posts should be sharpened. The sales literature didn't say anything about sharpened posts."

Howard nominated a Gehl forage box (Model 910) as his "best buy". "I purchased my second Gehl forage box last spring. I like the choice of 3 apron speeds, especially the cleanout speed. The safety bar across the front end stops the conveyor chain and the beaters with a light touch."

Tim Foslein, Benson, Minn., told FARM SHOW he plans to contact the manufacturer regarding do-it-yourself construction plans for a "40 by 60 Marvel Brute Corvette building" he put up: "We erected it ourselves. Distortion of the arches resulted, which was either our fault or a structural fault. Very poor erection manual, seemingly detailed, yet the most important points were either vague or left out completely. Requires drilling out many pilot holes. I think this could be eliminated," explains Tim, who adds the "materials arrived in good shape. Plan to contact the company about the problem."

# Reader Letters

Your FARM SHOW "Tell it as it is" reports are appreciated. They show other purchasers' opinions of merchandise I may be interested in. Don't let them become "sour apple reports" by operators who are angry because companies refuse to assume responsibility for carelessness on the part of the purchaser.

Merlin Camp  
Waynoka, Okl.

I am writing this while sitting in line to unload my truckload of corn at the elevator. Wanted to tell FARM SHOW about the tool I made to extract washers out of the head of my tractor's diesel engine. When I pulled the injectors out of my 1850 Oliver, the washers stayed in the hole. They were either carboned up or frozen in from rust, etc. The mechanic said I would have to take the head off to get them out. I took a tap, a socket end, and a bolt with double nuts on it first, then took a regular bolt and screwed it in the threads and made a sliding hammer-like device to pick the washer out very easily.

There may be a tool like this on the market but, if there is, I have never seen one. I would buy one if there was. Maybe FARM SHOW could inform a tool manufacturer about this device.

Arlan Anderson,  
Merrill, Wis.

Please help me get out of the "doghouse". Our last copy of FARM SHOW accidentally got thrown away. Please send another copy.

Mrs. W. Y. Buchanan  
Friona, Texas

I would like to thank you for the coverage I received in your magazine on my front-folding planter frame. Response has been very good. Farmers seem to have been waiting for this type of frame. Presently, we are about to move into a new shop which will provide more room for manufacturing.

John Deere and I are engaged in a dispute as to who invented the front folding frame first. We have both applied for a patent and it looks like whoever receives that patent first will stay in the front folding planter frame business.

Gene Shoup  
Shoup Manufacturing  
Box 121  
Bonfield, Ill.

Just a note to let you know that I really enjoy your magazine.

I would just like to make a comment on what a North Carolina reader said in a recent issue. He stated that Congress should pass a law to train 1 out of 12 farmers to weld. I disagree with that idea completely. We've got too much government now and I for one do not want any more. If anyone wants to learn to weld he can learn by himself by practicing, or let the welder manufacturers and dealers teach you, which they will. Let's keep the government out of it. We have too many "gimmies" in this country now.

Keith H. Olderwurt  
Slayton, Minn.

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