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New Holland 166 model. It's just the right size for small farmers, yet is built heavy enough for hard use. They could improve this merger by adding a shield on the left side discharge to make the crop move more smoothly."

Harvey Zabel, Prairie du Chien, Wis.: "My Milwaukee 18-volt cordless 1/2-in. impact wrench is far superior to my DeWalt model. I've never found a wheel lug nut that it can't remove, no matter how big the nut is."

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Kenneth Barger, Hardinsburg, Ky.: "My 2016 GM Canyon extended cab Duramax diesel pickup has about 40,000 miles on it with no problems. It gets 32 to 35 mpg on the highway and pulls a trailer loaded with a 40 hp. tractor with ease."

James G. Gold, Cleveland, Tenn.: "My 2005 Branson 3510 4-WD loader tractor equipped with a diesel engine is built strong and is easy on fuel. It's big enough to do everything I need it for."

"My Kawasaki Mule 610 side-by-side ATV is the handiest vehicle on our farm. We use it for just about everything."

Doug Nelson, Parker, Colo.: "It's the most sensible vehicle I could have bought for my age," says 86-year-old Doug about his 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan. "To get in, all I have to do is back myself up to the seat, sit down, and pull my legs in. I don't have to be a contortionist. This van gets 30 mpg on the highway. I really like the hatch back on it because I don't have to dig groceries out of a cave to unload."

Oleh Melnyk, Winnemucca, Nevada: "My 2016 Ford F-150 XLT Supercab pickup has about 28,000 miles on it and has been absolutely flawless. It's equipped with a 3.5-liter Ecoboost engine that drives more like a diesel than a gas model, with torque available at all rpm's. I can even go over 11,000-ft. mountain passes without ever having to shift out of overdrive. Fuel economy is outstanding for a pickup at 20.9 mpg overall."

Daniel Loewe, Hilbert, Wis.: "This is the worst power tool I've ever owned," says Daniel about his Stihl 290 chainsaw equipped with an 18-in. bar. "It starts hard and doesn't have enough power. Also, exhaust blows across the cutting bar and sometimes leaves me with a face full of sawdust and chips, especially when I make horizontal cuts. The switch on it is almost impossible to operate with gloves on, and I've had to replace plastic parts inside the recoil twice. The dealer just shrugs off these problems and tells me 'We sell a lot of them.' Well, they won't sell any more to me."

Leonard Mallas, Fond Du Lac, Wis.: "My 2005 Suzuki King Quad ATV has never failed me. No matter if the weather is hot or cold, wet or dry, this machine's fuel-injected 750 cc engine always starts right up. It has amazing pulling power with all 4 wheels locked in 4-WD and when in low gear, yet it has a comfortable ride and can go fast."

Larry Wagner, Webster, S. Dak.: Larry's the satisfied owner of a 2013 Dodge Ram Laramie 1500 crew cab 4-WD pickup equipped with a 5.7-liter, Hemi V-8 engine with 390 hp. "This pickup never lacks power and handles my 35-ft. travel trailer with ease. I just step on the accelerator pedal and off I go. It gets 22 mpg running solo and 10 to 12 mpg towing."

Jim Wissenburg, Crete, Neb.: "I like foam marker kits made for small sprayers by Paul B Parts (www.paulbparts.com). I've used their 5-gal. tank foam marker kit for two years and it works great. These foam markers aren't as expensive as others on the market. You do have to build a frame to install them, but it's not difficult."

"I'm happy with Deere 3020 LP gas tractors. I've farmed for 48 years using only LP gas, with no problems."

Fred Davis, Bigfoot, Texas: "The 2016 Porter Cable air compressor I bought from Tractor Supply Company came with a one-year warranty, but when the motor failed at 14 mos. the company wouldn't help. I previously owned a Sears Craftsman compressor that lasted for 30 years with the same level of use."

Ken Keller, Ruffs Dale, Penn.: "I bought a new Deere 1025R subcompact tractor in 2015 and have never regretted it, although it has had a few factory glitches. I bought it with all the bells and whistles, and am glad I did."

Byron L. Murphy, Kirk, Colo.: "It has more pulling power than any pickup I've owned," says Byron, who nevertheless has some issues with his 2014 Dodge 3500 4-WD Ram. "It has the worst seats of any vehicle I've driven. Also, the body is too high off the ground. The high box sides make it impossible to get anything out of the bed without having to climb into it."

Thomas McVey, Central Point, Oregon: A 2015 Troy-Bilt Super Bronco rototiller rates as Thomas's "worst buy". "After only about 5 hrs. of use the starter system, rope, and spring on it broke, and parts aren't available locally. It's always hard to start, even though I've never used ethanol gas in it."

Charles Sanderson, Rochester, Mass.: Charles is the satisfied owner of a 2013 WORX 120-volt, 14.5-amp electric chainsaw equipped with a 16-in. bar. "I've used Homelite and McCulloch gas saws in the past, but they took a lot of work to maintain and wouldn't last long. This electric saw has a lot of power and works great. I recently replaced the chain for the first time. When our power went out last winter, I plugged the saw into a generator that was being used to power our house and cut wood that way. I'd recommend this saw to anyone."

Scott Klitzke, Rock Springs, Wis.: Scott owns a 2013 Massey Ferguson WR9760 self-propelled windrower equipped with a 13-ft. disc mower and twin main conditioner. "It has been trouble-free and is an enjoyable machine to operate. It has plenty of power and an excellent seat, which makes it comfortable to operate all day long. I bought the 13-ft. head with twin conditioner because not only do I chop haylage, I also bale a lot of dry hay. Double crimping the alfalfa takes a day off drying time. The disc mower cuts very evenly in down hay."

Richard Andrews, Harrisonburg, Va.: "I placed my DeLonghi oil-filled radiator heater in a small room and followed the directions when installing it. However, when our power went off the water pipes in the room nearly froze because the heater didn't start up again when the power came back on. The same problem keeps happening even during very short power outages."

Roy Horan, Ashland, Penn.: "I like the 2016 Stihl AL 101 battery charger I use with my Stihl cordless weed trimmer. The charge lasts a long time, and by the time the battery finally goes dead I'm ready to take a break anyway."

"I like my Metabo 4 1/2-in. grinder, Lincoln AC 220 welder, and Power King



Jim Ruen says the new cordless Bosch 18-volt compact reciprocating saw is light-weight and nicely balanced for extended use.

New Bosch Reciprocating Saw

By Jim Ruen, Contributing Editor

Bosch has a new saw out, and it makes for smooth cutting. FARM SHOW just tried one out, and we were impressed.

The cordless Bosch 18-volt compact reciprocating saw (model GSA18V-083B) is just 17 in. long with the battery in place. The motor sits ahead of the pistol grip with its switch lock just above the trigger. The saw is nicely balanced for extended use. At just under 6 lbs., it is easily handled overhead or extended away from the body.

The motor-to-weight ratio is best in class. The high-density core, 18-volt 6.3 AH battery gives the brushless motor a real punch and extended run time. It has a much longer run time, more power and better heat transfer than previous Bosch batteries.

Once depleted, the BC1800 Fast Charger does its job in less than an hour with the 6 AH battery. Lower amp/hour batteries are faster.

Top end no-load speed on the motor is 3,050 strokes per min. with each stroke a bit over 3/4 in. The variable speed trigger lets you move into the cut smoothly or pick up again in the middle of a plunge cut.

FARM SHOW put the saw through its paces in demolition and it sawed through wood and nails with ease. It sliced through 1/8-in. wall steel pipe and notched a 1/4-in.

channel iron easily. It cut everything else like a knife through butter, whether oak, pvc pipe or OSB boards. Even thin flashing cut easily when sandwiched between plywood.

The combination of light weight, short length and variable speed is great. Nice touches include the LED work light and the battery gauge.

Two features really stood out with the saw. One was the ease with which we did a plunge cut into a 1-in. pine board, no pilot hole needed. Just lay the saw parallel to the board, bring it to full speed and tip into the board. It sliced through in seconds.

The other was the ease of changing blades. Just turn the blade holder ring and slip the blade in or out. Release the spring-loaded ring, and it snugs up a new blade fast.

At \$119 it's a good buy, one that will do much of what is needed in quick repairs around the farm. The lithium ion battery is sold separately. Tyroltool.com offers 2 batteries and a charger for \$97.99. Bosch offers an expanding range of 18-volt tools.

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Economy tractor (www.powerkingtractor.com)."

Tony Ryba, Johnstown, Penn.: "In 1977 my uncle gave me a 1965 Lawn Boy 2-cycle push mower. As with any equipment, it has needed minor repairs over the years. But we're still using it and it always starts on the second pull."

Roy Cardone, Blue Creek, Ohio: Roy's impressed with his battery-powered Oregon 40-volt CS300 chainsaw equipped with a 16-in. bar (www.oregonproducts.com). "The batteries on it last about as long as I want to work before needing a break. I bought the company's bar-mounted PowerSharp sharpener for it, which is awesome to use. I just pull a lever to quickly sharpen the chain."

Glenn M. Kneeland, Rossville, Tenn.: "My 2016 DR Pro 14.5 electric start stump grinder has been trouble-free (www.drpower.com). I use it to remove large oak tree stumps. It's a great machine that's well worth the money."

Frank Anderson, Blue Springs, Miss.: Frank's the owner of a 2018 Paslode 1/2-in. air stapler gun designed for stapling floor decking, roof sheathing, plywood sheathing, and insulation (www.paslode.com). "I do carpentry work and bought this gun to staple OSB sheathing onto a roof. Unfortunately, the gun misfired about every other time I used it.

It was really aggravating not knowing if the sheeting was stapled good or not. I returned the gun to the dealer for repairs, but it didn't help. I finally took the safety device off the gun, and now it works much better."



Roger Forsythe, Puyallup, Wash.: "I use my Rockwell Jawhorse portable work table a lot. It can clamp very small objects or larger ones up to about 36 in. long. I can hold items with both hands while clamping them with a foot-operated lever. Also, I can bolt the table down to the floor to make it more stable when working on larger items."

Steve Landgrebe, Albia, Iowa: Steve's 1991 Dodge pickup equipped with a Cummins diesel engine has more than 300,000 miles on it but is still going strong. "I replaced the transmission at about 200,000 miles. Otherwise this pickup has required only routine maintenance."

"My 2017 AGCO LT90 tractor equipped