

made a nice meal for two.

"I don't normally eat shrimp. I've read too many stories about shrimp imported from Asia and raised in bad water and unhealthy conditions. I liked the idea of buying local and fresh.

"The Reis farm is near the eastern end of



the Iowa-Minnesota border and is on the cutting edge of this new farm crop. When I contacted them, Jennifer told me they use a recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) that uses a biological filtration method called Biofloc.

"Made up of bacteria and protozoans that live on shrimp waste, the Biofloc cleans the water, and the shrimp in turn feed on the Biofloc. The water recirculates through a circuit of tiered tanks, as do the shrimp, which start out the size of an eyelash and move down to ever-larger tanks as they grow.

"Once the shrimp hit the largest tanks and are full-grown, they are netted out while the water is filtered and reused.

"With 3 years under their belt, Reis credits working with a consultant, developing a business plan, and understanding and providing what the shrimp need.

"They buy their shrimp feed from Zeigler Bros. and recommend them as an excellent source of information ([www.zeiglerfeed.com](http://www.zeiglerfeed.com)).

**Morley Hamilton, Hillsboro, Ky.:** "The Vermeer TM800 10-ft. disc mower I use with my 60 hp. tractor does an excellent job. My Vermeer 544XL round baler also works good."

**Bob Schroeder, Leipsic, Ohio:** "Back in the early 1960's my dad bought a new Deere 530, which was a great tractor. I traded it for a Deere 4030, which turned out to be a worst buy because of problems with the hydraulics.

"I'm still riding my 1928 Harley Davidson motorcycle, which is now worth about six times more than what I paid for it."

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**Dave Mertell, Independence, Mo.:** "I received a Harbor Freight 10 by 12-ft. greenhouse as a gift from my son and his family for my 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. It came with good instructions and was fun to set up with my son. It's a real pleasure to have fresh vegetables as early as the beginning of April.

"My Troy-Bilt rototiller is hard to start and doesn't work as well as I expected. However, this was also a gift so I continue to use it."

**Curtis Cannon, Caldwell, Texas:** "I've used Schaeffer's Moly Bond X200 15W-40 engine oil since 1987 in all my diesel pickups ([www.schaefferoil.com](http://www.schaefferoil.com); ph 800 325-9962). This premium quality, multi-grade, heavy-duty engine oil is specially formulated to extend engine life. I own five different 1995-1996 Dodge 1-ton diesel pickups and I change the oil on all of them only about

every 10,000 miles. The pickups have from 100,000 to 350,000 miles on them, but I've never had to drop an oil pan or pull a fuel injection pump. Moly Bond oil and the 12-valve Cummins diesel engines that power these pickups are both best buys."

**Jack Woodford, Paris, Ky.:** Jack's pleased with his Harbor Freight aluminum floor jack which he bought several years ago. "This little jack is super lightweight and handy for small to medium jobs. No problems."

**Donald W. Bender, Middleville, Mich.:** "I needed to remove the finish before I could restore a 475 sq. ft. cedar deck, so I used a floor sander with a 36-grit drum and followed up with my hand-held Porter Cable multi-surface restoration tool. It left the deck's surface looking like new. I had tried using a belt sander, but material just loaded up on the belt. I've put several hours on the floor sander with no problems and am still using the original drum."

**Jay Gear, Osseo, Mich.:** Jay bought a Hustler Raptor Flip-Up zero-turn riding mower this spring. "I'm 87 years old, so I appreciate anything that makes mowing my 3-acre lawn an easier job. The deck lift is powered so it flips up and raises or lowers with ease. I owned a Hustler FasTrak zero-turn mower for 13 years and it worked great so I didn't hesitate to buy this new model. The flip-up feature makes it easy to clean the underside of the deck and to change the blades."

On the negative side, "After only 1 1/2 years of moderate use my 2017 Greenworks 12-in., 40-volt cordless string trimmer quit working. The battery indicator shows the battery is fully charged, but the tool won't work."

**Chuck Hodel, Roanoke, Ill.:** "We're happy with the job B & R Welding, Onarga, Ill., did when rebuilding our Deere 693 cornhead (ph 815 265-7747). The company built up the chopper stalk rolls and stripper plates, inspected the gearboxes, and replaced the chains and sprockets for a reasonable fee. Their vast experience and fast turnaround time has made our worn cornhead work better than new."

He's disappointed with Chelactiv Plus EDTA Chelation cream. "Rubbing the cream on your legs is supposed to improve your blood circulation much better than oral capsules. I used the cream faithfully for almost a year but wasn't satisfied so I requested a refund. However, the company said I didn't call in soon enough so I was out of luck."

**Donald E. Steinhauser, Stanberry, Mo.:** "I'm happy with my 2018 Greenworks 40-volt string trimmer and blower ([www.greenworkstools.com](http://www.greenworkstools.com)). I like not having to mix gas and oil or worry about carburetor and fuel line problems. I just squeeze the trigger and go. The trimmer could use a better head but it's not a big problem. I can do all my trimming work and also blow the material off my sidewalk and steps with just one charge of the battery."

**Josh Lindquist, Corydon, Ind.:** Josh likes his 2017 Husqvarna 365 chainsaw. "It has most of the same parts as the company's 372 XP Pro model but is priced slightly lower. I use it with either a 20 or 24-in. bar, and both do a nice job. Another plus is there's no AutoTune system to deal with like on the company's new 572XP saw."

**Kirk Bezdicek, Union Grove, Wis.:** Kirk likes his Wall Control wall-mounted storage system ([www.wallcontrol.com](http://www.wallcontrol.com); ph 800 417-8721). "This is an amazing product for organizing any items that you use regularly. It's a metal pegboard with holes and slots for installing various hangers and other

## Tined Harrows Weed Standing Crops

**Nelson Smith, Brighton, Iowa:** "I liked the way the Treffler Tined Harrow ([www.manatmachine.com](http://www.manatmachine.com)) worked so much when demonstrated on my farm at a field day, that I didn't let them take it away. I bought it that day.

"I've always used a rotary hoe for early season weed control. However, it leaves a 3 to 4-in. strip between hoes for weeds to grow. The Treffler tines have less than an inch between them, so I get good coverage and weed control.

"I really like the fact that I can adjust tension hydraulically from the tractor seat. Each tine has a spring in spring that is attached by cable to a pipe. A light spring in the center maintains minimal tension. Once the light spring bottoms out, the heavier spring starts to increase tension. As the cables wrap up around the pipe, tension increases, and the tines dig deeper.

"It only took me about 15 acres of use before I felt comfortable with the Treffler. I pull into a field and run a short distance, get off, and check how deep the tines are going. Then I adjust accordingly. A gauge on the Tined Harrow lets me see how much tension is on the tines. If I change tension for changing soil conditions or weeds as I go across the field, I can change it back to the previous setting quickly as field conditions change back.

"I can set the tines for shallow work when the seed is sprouting so I don't break the sprout off. Later in the season, I can get weeds in soybeans as tall as 12 in. by setting the tension higher and going slower through the field.

"My TS 920 is 30 ft. wide, and its 324 tines weed twelve 30-in. rows. It double folds the wings to a 10-ft. transit width. The tines go over rocks and obstacles without a problem while weeding in the rows and between the rows.

"I liked the Treffler so much that I became a company rep for Ana and Jos Peltgrom, the manufacturers who are based in the



Tension on the tines adjusts hydraulically from the tractor seat. A variety of sizes are available, from a 30-in. wide garden size (below) up to 100-ft. wide field units.



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"Treffler Tined Harrows are available in a wide variety of sizes, from the 30-in. wide Tiny Treffler to the 100-ft. Treffler on a carrier being introduced in North America in 2020. The Tiny Treffler is being field-tested at the Rodale Research Farm and can be pulled by hand in small plots or by machine. The 9-ft. TS300 comes in both machine and horse-drawn versions."

accessories such as shelves, towel holders, and can holders. It makes organizing a shed, garage, kitchen or laundry room an easy job. The panels come in various sizes and colors. The company also has a website for its scratch and dent products, which saves more than 50 percent on cost ([www.cheapeggsboard.com](http://www.cheapeggsboard.com)).

**Allan Brooks, Markesan, Wis.:** "My 2018 Lindsay VRI 8500 center pivot irrigation system is equipped with a 9500 corner arm unit that's very uniform ([www.zimmatic.com](http://www.zimmatic.com); ph 866 404-5049). The entire irrigation system provides water amounts variably wherever I want.

"My 2014 Deere 2623 VT vertical tillage implement is my worst buy. The rear blades were a disaster but I got no company support. I also had problems with the gang bearings. I finally traded it for a Case 335 VT, which works good."

**Max R. Fitzpatrick, Greenwood, Ind.:** "My 1986 Honda rototiller always starts on the first pull. It has been used hard but still runs great.

"I've had continual problems with the computer system on my 2016 Dodge 1500 4-WD crew cab pickup. Otherwise, this is a beautiful truck."

**Rick Batten, Spencer, W. Va.:** "I use our 2018 Honda Pioneer 1000 utility vehicle to haul firewood and livestock feed around our farm, and it has also been used to work on a gas pipeline in Appalachia. It climbs like no

other machine, has a lot of power, and is built tough. I'm glad I bought it."

**Dale Melton, Casey, Ill.:** "Our Ford 350 4-WD dually pickup, equipped with a 7.3-liter diesel engine and a homemade flatbed with a gooseneck hitch, has a lot of power and can go anywhere. It's our service truck. Because of the dual wheels it works great for pulling a trailer. We expected a lot from this pickup, and it delivered.

"Our White field cultivator does a wonderful job, but parts for it are outrageously expensive - if they can be found."

**Mervin Mast, Charlotte, Mich.:** Mervin's impressed with his 2019 Milwaukee 18-volt hammer drill/driver kit. "I recently used it with a hole saw to drill 4-in. dia. holes through 1 1/2-in. thick lumber, and it exceeded my expectations. This tool has a lot of power and torque for a variety of applications.

"My 2012 Caterpillar 236B3 skid loader has plenty of power and is handy for many jobs around the farm."

**Robert O' Bryan, Menomonee, Wis.:** "I read about Steuarts Pain Formula in FARM SHOW and find that it works great ([www.steuartlaboratories.com](http://www.steuartlaboratories.com); ph 877 210-9664). The cream contains extracts of the herbs comfrey and arnica in a liposome base that penetrates the skin rapidly. People use it to relieve joint and muscle pain associated with arthritis and injuries."