

bigger line but I like the way the orange .080 cuts and feeds out."

Kent Perry, Franklin, Ky.: "My worst buy is my **Garden Weasel Nut Gatherer**. The wire wheel that picks up nuts would not spread out enough to pick up walnuts. When it did, the wires would stay spread out and stick together, letting nuts that were just picked up fall out. The nut release wire would not spread the wires far enough apart to release nuts from the pickup basket. I found the handle too short. It didn't even last one month during nut season."

Harold Hoftzyer, Sheldon, Iowa: "I bought a used **Deere 3010** diesel tractor years ago. I have done an overhaul once since I've had it, but it has been a convenient tractor to use with great fuel economy."

"I also bought a **Country Clipper** zero-turn lawn mower probably about 5 years ago, and have had no problems with it."

Bernie Marshall, Rosendale, Wis.: "My 1994 **John Deere** diesel lawn tractor with a 60-in. deck has 4,250 hrs. on it. I've only replaced one fan belt, one injector, and glow plugs. I've never had to touch the bearings on the deck. I mow about 3 acres with it. It's been amazing."



Adolphus Hess, Central City, Penn.: "We have been impressed with **Vulcan** hand tools. We have a splitting maul, shovel and post hole digger that work well. They come with a lifetime warranty."

Everette Jennings, Moyock, N.C.: "My **Stihl MSA 140C** battery chainsaw far exceeded my expectations. I have a lot of trees and I'm always pruning. I have even cut treated 8 by 8-in. posts with it. The battery has a long life. I do keep an eye on the bar and chain oil, and keep my chains sharp and replace when needed. It's a great little saw, but it's not for cutting firewood for your house."

Robert D. Smith, Elk River, Idaho: Robert is unhappy with his **Badland 12,000 lb.** winch cable. "It balled up and broke the bracket that the control box mounts on."

David U. Yoder, Leitchfield, Ky.: "I bought an automatic foot pedal riveter from **Sunset Design and Tool LLC** (ph 330 359-5823). I bought this riveter in June 2019 and it really makes it easy to get riveting done in my leather shop with its easy-to-use design. I would recommend anybody to try this one if they're looking for a riveter for high production."

Terry Hill, Ceresco, Mich.: "The plastic step-in electric fence posts from **Tractor Supply Co.** get brittle and snap off, some within the first season of use. I've had 50 percent failure rate within 2 years, absolute junk. We have **Dare Products** plastic posts that we've had in service for over 10 years - 95 percent are still being used. TSC won't stand behind their posts. I'm about done with them."

"I have been buying 'lifetime guarantee' 5/8 and 3/4-in. garden hoses to water cattle on pasture during the growing season and during winter months on drylot. These hoses are significantly more expensive but I've had some of them for 8 to 10 years. A few have failed but I kept the warranty information and sent 6 to one manufacturer (Gilmour; www.gilmour.com) and 4 to another (Fiskars; www.fiskars.com). Within 3 weeks I had replacements shipped to me for free. Bravo to these American companies who stand behind their products. Both are available at Amazon, Walmart and other retailers."



Andrew Machiela, Zeeland, Mich.: "I installed a well-connect geothermal furnace from **Terra Caloric** (www.WellConnectGeo.com; ph 989 356-2113) in 2016. It saves me just over 1,000 gal. of propane per year. With the tax rebates and discount, it paid for itself in just 3 years. It was one of the first ones made and had a few problems at first, but their service was outstanding. No problems at all in the last couple years."

Gary Pennock, Great Bend, N.Y.: "I signed up with **AAA plus**. It cost \$92 per year for an individual - or to put it another way - it's less than \$2.00 a week to have peace of mind. AAA Plus allows 4 service calls a year, with up to 100 miles free towing per call. Emergency roadside assistance is available 24 hrs. per day, 365 days so a person is also covered on major holidays. Here's some of what AAA offers: towing, locksmith, tire change, battery service, winching, fuel delivery, maps etc."

Thomas G. Herriman, Brainbridge Ga.: "My best buy would have to be my battery-powered **Ryobi** hedge trimmer with sweep. It eliminates dangerous cords and the 2-cycle oil mess. It's easy to use, trims hedges, grape vines, etc. The batteries last a long time and it has no head vibration and no mess. Two years and no troubles."



Joe S. Hagans, Urbana, Ohio: "**FARM SHOW Magazine** is my best buy. I've been getting it for years and it's the best farm magazine out there. I especially enjoy reading the best and worst buys. It helps when I'm shopping for new items. Keep up the good work!"

Barton Sensenig, Myerstown, Penn.: "I bought a 2003 **Pontiac Bonneville** with 50,000 miles on the car. It has never needed repairs, just the normal oil, filter, breaks, and tires changes on the car. The rear air shocks gave it a nice ride, I wish they still made them."

Eddie Edmundson, Garrettsen, S.D.: "My father bought me a 1948 **Ford 8N** with a plow for my 16th birthday. In our extended family we bought a total of four 8N's. Because of price restrictions, dealers made you buy some associated items. So each family purchased an item and we shared them, such as a belt pulley, terrace blade, and so on. Great tractors."



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Farmers Like This Hay Saver Feeder

B. Cottingim, Somerville, Ohio: "I keep very good records on my hay feeding each year and for the group of 22 cows I have in the lot where I placed the **Klene Hay Saver** feeder, I saw a measurable and immediate improvement in the hay conversion (www.klenepipe.com; ph 812 614-4364). Using my old round bale feeder, I was feeding one 1,600-lb. round bale a day. For the two weeks after installing the Hay Saver, I fed 11 bales in 14 days. That's more than a 20 percent savings. There's no waste around this feeder. It's going to change how often I have to haul manure from the cement pad. With my old feeder there was always a large amount of 'hay mat' that circled the feeder. With the Hay Saver I have virtually clean cement around

the feeder, even after several weeks of using it. The Hay Saver is a great product."

Teamdonk, Grangeville, Idaho: "The **Klene Hay Saver** arrived as promised and one man set it up over parts of 4 days. We put a big bale in the feeder and overnight received 3 in. of snow with strong winds. The Klene feeder was free of snow while what was left of a bale in our old round feeder was packed with snow and ice. As the animals eat from the Hay Saver the grills follow the hay down and eliminate waste. The sides can even be moved back to block animals from overeating. The Hay Saver is a great design built with quality materials. The hay stays off the ground and with the larger roof, it provides summer shade too."



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"Best Buy" 1-Row Vacuum Planter

Mel Green Pekin, Ind.: When I first saw the **Wizard WZ-A10** (www.wizardplanters.com), I realized it was exactly what I was looking for. It's a 1-row self-propelled, vacuum precision planter. I use it to seed different varieties of cut flowers.

"I had used a 2-row vacuum planter from the parent company, MaterMacc and liked it. I saw that Windridge Implements (www.windridgeimplements.com) in Decorah, Iowa, had an A10 available. Brian Nordchow with Windridge was making a delivery near me, and he brought the A10 along to demonstrate it. I tried it out in the parking lot and bought it on the spot."

"I plant a lot of different size seeds from celosia on the small end to sunflower on the larger end, as well as larkspur, ornamental grasses and a lot more. It does them all with precision."

"It was the precision that I was attracted to."

Harvey Blume, Green Forest, Ark.: "My worst buy ever was a new 1984 **Ford F-250** 4-wheel-drive pickup that I bought not knowing that it was the first year of computerized carb and ignition. I got 4-mpg with it. I gave it away with 68,000 miles on it in 1998. It had a 300 cu. in. 6-cyl. motor with standard shift."

Michael Bechtel, Lockport, N.Y.: "My

The price of seed in the flower business is astronomical, and I needed something that made every seed count. I think this machine could plant a speck of dust.

"I have 16 different seed plates to match different size seeds. They cost about \$100 each, but pay for themselves in reduced seed costs."

"It's a dream to use the A10 in tunnel houses. I've even no-till planted sunflowers and larkspur with it."

"I also bought a use 1-row, 3-pt. Wizard. I use the 2 of them to plant 10 acres of cut flowers, as well as pumpkins and sweet corn for friends."

"I've been in this business for 30 years. For anyone getting into the specialty farming business, the \$3,000 price tag is money well-spent to get the crop in the ground."

worst buy is a **Drill Master** 120-volt 1/4-in. trim router. I took it out of the box and the lexan base plate broke. They wouldn't replace it."

Dave Mertell, Independence, Mo.: "My 2016 **Subaru Forester** I bought in 2017 is a great car with no problems at all. Those guys in Japan could teach our automotive manufacturers a few things."