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Harold Leblanc, Crowley, Louisiana: "20 years ago I bought a used TCM FD25Z4 5,000 lb. forklift with a 4 cyl. Isuzu engine. I would like to get two more of these if any readers have any for sale. Another forklift that I would buy again is a **Mastercraft MCL522** with a 3-stage lift and 3 cyl. Ford diesel. Also, FARM SHOW is the greatest magazine written.



Jordan Rosado, Pahoa, Hawaii: "I bought a **Work Sharp** knife sharpener a few years ago. It has worked flawlessly. Last month one of the pulleys that holds the sandpaper on broke. When I called the company to ask about getting replacement parts, they sent me a brand new sharpener. All they asked was for me to send a couple photos showing the damaged part and the serial number. This was long after it was out of warranty."

Dean Duwa, Ainsworth, Iowa: "My best buy was the 492 **New Holland** mower conditioner I bought in 1993. I've also had a **New Holland** square baler since 1973. Both of them were always dependable.

"However, this year I bought a 109 **New Holland** disc mower which cost me an extra \$ 2,740 in repairs before I could get 40 acres mowed. They would not stand behind it. I'm done with **New Holland**; they won't get another dime from me."

Jeffrey Helmuth Saugerties, N.Y.: "**Porter-Cable** electric tools are weak, the batteries don't last or break, and underperform in every way."

Lawrence Krantz, Moran, Mich.: "My best buy is my 1942 **Farmall H**. I use it for plowing and disking my small farm.

"I also have a 1983 **Troy-Bilt** tiller that still runs well, and my 2010 **Ford F-150** truck has 300,000 miles."

Gary Adams, Humboldt, Iowa: "**DeWalt** power tools are high quality, powerful, versatile, and a good value.

"**Strutmasters** Ram Air-Ride to spring kit is easy to install."

On the negative side, "The 2014 **Dodge** Ram 1500 with hemi is a 'recall special'. The Air-Ride was the worst part. I replaced the air-ride with a **Strutmasters** spring kit. The dealer has been no help whatsoever with anything. The engine runs poorly. It has a poor AC and heat system. The manifold studs break constantly. I think the cam is going out also (I believe they are well known for that)."

David Mertell, Independence, Mo.: "It's not a 'buy' but about 6 mos., ago at the age of

95, I was given a pile of rusty old iron by a good friend. It was a **Farmall** 240 high crop with no tires. I've been working on it and have great experiences with acquiring parts from **Steiner Tractor**, **Jim's Tires** in **Sedalia, Mo.**, **Amazon.com**, and others. Right now it's in my carport waiting for the last step of the rebuild. It's been a fun project."

Ken Gilbertson, Ada, Minn.: Ken's "best buy" is a 2020 **Vermeer** Signature Series 4 by 5 round baler. "There have been no problems in 2 years of use. I really like the camless pickup. Starting a bale is fast and easy."

Jon Otts, Carastota, N.Y.: Jon's pleased with his 2019 **Stihl MSA 160C** battery-powered chainsaw. "My sons bought it for me for Christmas. Keeping it sharp is the secret. I've cut all of my firewood with it this year. The battery lasts 45 min. to an hour. When the battery quits, so do I because, at 82, an hour a day at the woodpile is plenty for me."

Allen S. Andrews, Gillett, Penn.: "**Hart** tools and vacuums have worked out great for me. I bought them at Walmart over the past year or two. Many Hart brand products are made in the USA and have a lifetime guarantee.

"An **Earthquake XT** air impact wrench bought in 2021 worked great, but only for about 2 mos. Then it totally quit. I've bought tools from Harbor Freight before that worked out okay but this tool is no good."

David Dingmann, Richmond, Minn.: "Our 2015 **Gleaner S68** combine is an excellent machine. Very dependable with great fuel economy. It delivers excellent grain quality and there's no lost grain on hillsides. Corn or bean quality is outstanding. Dealer support could not be better."

Al Otting, Earlville, Iowa: "I bought my **Craftsman** toolbox and hand tools in 1956 when I was just entering the automotive trade. They're still going strong after all these years. Whenever I have had a problem with a tool, it was replaced at no charge. Best buy of all time."



Rod Vsetecka, Cresco, Iowa: "My 2019 **Milwaukee M18 Fuel 1/2** torque wrench is very powerful and has a long-lasting battery."

On the negative side is a 2019 **DeWalt DWP849** polisher. "The motor burned up after a year and a half."

Donald Paul, Arthur, N.Dak.: "I'm pleased with my 2019 **Ariens 28-in.** snowblower. It blows snow out about 50 ft. and it's easy to maneuver and turn. On the minus side, the side chute control is located on the wrong side."

Sam Heiden, Louisville, Ill.: "I buy used semi trailers to use for storage. I take the tires and axles off as well as the dollies. Then I set them down on railroad ties. They're big enough to hold tractors if the wheels are set narrow. As an added bonus, the dollies can be used as splitting stands for working on tractors. Just weld nuts on the shaft coming out of them and attach angle iron on the sides to bolt to the tractor frame. Works good."

Robert D. Liebe, Central City, Iowa: "My best buy is a little 6070 **Allis Chalmers 2-WD** tractor. It turns exceptionally short and has a nice operator console. Very easy on

"Best Buy" Combats Barn Odors

Noel Isaac, New Virginia, Iowa.: "If you have livestock in a building and ammonia odors are a problem, you need to try **Bio-Safe**. We raise meat goats, and during the winter months especially, the stench of ammonia in the barn is horrible. It permeates our clothing, wafts out the doors, and is absolutely intrusive, to say the least. To make matters worse, our house is attached to the barn, so there is an ongoing battle to keep our living space 'barn free'."

"A friend told us about **Mark Heston** at **Bio-Safe Technologies** (markheston1@gmail.com; ph 641-223-2285). He created a product that our friend swore would change our lives. We were skeptical, having tried just about everything to combat the stink, including pine shavings, bulk lime, bulk baking soda and more, as well as scraping the floors weekly and simply airing the area out. We purchased 40 lbs. of this sand-like substance and applied 5 lbs. to about 1,000 sq. ft. We top-dressed 10-day-old bedding of nearly 40 does and kids in the stalls.

"To our surprise, it made a significant impact and eliminated the ammonia smell for several days. We decided to give the **Bio-Safe** a legitimate test.

"We scraped all the stalls down to bare dirt in each and every pen. In very short order the

smells were back up to the atrocious level. We applied liberal amounts of the **Bio-Safe** to the bare dirt, applied new straw bedding and turned the goats back in.

"Normally we clean the bedding out every two weeks just to control the odor. It was nearly a month before the ammonia smell reappeared. I top-dressed the bedding at a rate of 1 lb. per 100 sq. ft., and that killed the ammonia for another two weeks.

"At eight weeks, I cleaned the barn after weaning the goats. The odors quickly returned. I put another 20 lbs. of **Bio-Safe** on the floors, and the problem was solved again. Our home no longer smells like we live in a barn, even though we technically do live in a barn.

"Now that we have a handle on the urine smell, we are adding **Bio-Safe** to our regular maintenance schedule to ensure we never have to deal with that volume of odor again.

"We aren't affiliated with **Bio-Safe**, and we don't get a commission from sales of it. We are simply impressed with a product invented by a small-town guy that solves an age-old problem. We wanted to pass along a solid referral for anyone else who has been dealing with the 'smell of money' for years on end like we did."

fuel. It was the last true **Allis** tractor."

Ralph Clark, New Concord, Ohio: "My three **Stihl** chainsaws - **MS250**, **MS310** and **MS360** - all have a flip-over gas cap that is the worst I've ever seen. The caps were replaced but the new ones are worse than the originals - gas down the pants legs, wasted fuel, a fire hazard. A lot of money wasted."

Dennis Kress, Imperial, Penn.: "My best buy is a **Howse 5-ft.** rotary mower. I bought it brand new at an auction 25 years ago. I mow 5 acres of right of way and have had no problems. All it's ever needed is a little welding.

"Another good buy is a 2615 **Mahindra** tractor that I bought 18 years ago. All it's ever had is a leaky rear wheel seal."

R. Wildermuth, Lewistown, Ohio: "I love my 2004 **Bobcat** skid steer loader. It's great for moving snow, logs and anything else I need to handle."

Tom Weekly, Guysville, Ohio: "I bought a **Savage 350** Legend rifle to use to prevent crop damage from animals in our pumpkin fields. It functions perfectly and is accurate to 250 yards. It's very comfortable to shoot and much quieter than my 30-06."

Bob Doucette, Coventry, R.I.: "I bought a 1980 **Ford F-250** in 1988 with 130,000 miles on it. Now we have 362,000 miles on it and all it's ever needed was routine maintenance. Still running strong."

Nathan Nevels, Whitley City, Ky.: "We use our 2018 **Nissan** Frontier crew cab pickup every day. It's comfortable, easy to drive, and trouble-free."



Brent Petersen, St. Cloud, Minn.: "Our **LockNube** grease gun couplers and adapters are best buys. These products have saved me a lot of time and frustration while greasing machinery, especially in hard-to-reach places."

Tom Wosocki, Hillsboro, Wis.: "I bought a 2021 **Makita XCU03** 36-volt electric chainsaw. I'm very impressed at how long the batteries last. It comes with a 2-battery charging station and the batteries charge in just 45 min."

Larry Cox, Cape Fair, Mo.: "I bought a 2012 **MX110 Kubota** 110-hp. tractor and so far no repairs at all. Most all of my friends have other brands and seem to be repairing them a lot. I now have a new 2021 **MX111 Kubota** and have had no problems with that one either."

Gene Kamp, Oakland, Neb.: "I bought a new **Kenmore** Series 600 washing machine. The computer board went out several times. Service was slow, even though it was under warranty, and parts took months to get. So I bought an older **Maytag** at a farm auction and it seems to wash a load in half the time. No mechanical problems."

Charles Schmidt, Kellogg, Minn.: "My best buy is a 2006 **Honda** Rancher ATV. In over 1,000 hrs. I've only had to put in a starter."

Bill Fricks, Muldrow, Okla.: "I bought my **Cub Cadet** riding mower in 2005. It only needed routine maintenance until 2020. Then it started throwing deck drive belts. The dealer mechanic said he couldn't fix it. I took a close look and made an adjustment myself. To make a long story short, my fix worked and I didn't throw a belt in 2021, mowing an acre of lawn every week."

Richard Goodlin, New Plymouth, Ohio: "I use my 2017 **Echo CS-370** chainsaw to cut 10 to 20 cords of firewood every year and also prune my fruit trees. It starts every time, summer or winter. The only maintenance has been an occasional new chain and one starting cord. This saw is much better than the **Stihl** saw I had been using."

Dustin Parson, Hudson, Ky.: He's pleased with his **Snap-On 3/8-in.** drive impact swivel impact base. "This swivel base has a great operating range. It will not bind even when hinged out all the way. I can put any 3/8-in. drive socket on it, which is much cheaper than buying a complete swivel socket set. The warranty is great and the tool holds up very well under heavy use."