

George R. Tews, Moore, Mont.: “Steuart’s Pain Formula is the best of the best when it comes to pain-relieving creams. I swear by it (www.steuartlaboratories.com; ph 877-210-9664).”

Ron Haley, Appling, Ga.: “I used the **Kitchen Good Helper** Potato Chipper a few times to make french fries and then the blades came apart. It’s made of thin metal and is hard to press down to cut. You get what you pay for – buy cheap and you get a cheap product.”

George Holasek, Foley, Minn.: “I haven’t been happy with my **LeafFilter** Gutter Guard. My gutters continued to clog so badly that water couldn’t drain out. After several LeafFilter technicians inspected my clogged gutters, I was told that I needed to cut 2 in. off my roof because this gutter system doesn’t work on metal roofs. Previous to my purchase, I was guaranteed by the salesman that this system would work on my existing metal roof.”

Dave Edens, Babcock, Wis.: “My **Ororo** heated vest is lightweight and has a heated collar and good heat zones. It’s less expensive and works better than Milwaukee’s.”

Don Stephenson, Southport, N.C.: “My 2007 **Dodge** Ram 1500 pickup, purchased new, served me well. I sold it to a friend with 387,000 miles on it. The 5.7L Hemi still required no additional oil between changes. The new owner now has 422,000 on it.”

Dwyer Griffin, Abbeville, La.: “My **Ford** Ranger pickup has been easy on gas and trouble-free for all of its 15-year life.

“My **Dixon** 46-in. cut lawn mower is 3 years old and has been trouble-free. It’s easy to start and is an easy ride for my 85-year-old body.”

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Gary Lytle, Blanchard, Okla.: “I bought a **Frigidaire** Gallery Refrigerator in July 2021. The ice maker is supposed to make 2 to 3 lbs. of ice every 24 hrs. but I don’t think it’s made 5 lbs. yet. The repairman has been out five times and still no ice. They’ve ordered several different parts but none of the orders have had the correct parts. They can’t or don’t want to fix it. Don’t ever buy one of these. They’re nothing but a problem.”

Dixie Breeding, Warsaw, Ind.: “The previous owner of our 1990’s **International** Harvester 1460 combine took such good care of it that it’s still in great shape. I only have 38 acres to combine, so it’s been perfect for us.”

Myron Ratzlaff, McPherson, Kan.: “I purchased a 1952 **John Deere** B from my neighbor about a year ago. It’s been repainted and is in good shape. I’m enjoying it.”

Ken Oberndorfer, Kalispell, Mont.: “My worst buy is any brand of gasoline with ethanol. Prolonged storage will destroy the inner parts of fuel systems, which results in expensive repairs. In some small engines, there’s total destruction.”

Elton Brubacher, Thorp, Wis.: “I’m impressed with my new **DeWalt** 1/2-in. drive, 18-voolt impact wrench. It has good torque and a soft start, so it’s very smooth to operate.

“I also like my 3/8-in. drive **DeWalt** impact versus the equivalent Milwaukee drill because the DeWalt has three small LED lights around the drive so no matter what you are doing you can see your bit. Milwaukee only has one light at the bottom.”

Aaron L. Byler, Holland Patent, N.Y.: “My **Husqvarna** 395 XP chainsaw is the best. It’s 13 years old and has been on many logging jobs and is used at my sawmill every day. It starts easily and is very dependable. I had to replace the recoil once as well as a gas tank. But what can you expect when you drop a big tree on it? Otherwise, it’s just had three new spark plugs and two air filters.”

Butch Batterson, Troy, Penn.: “My best buy is a 54-in. **Bad Boy** zero-turn mower. The 27-hp. Kohler engine has a lot of power. It’s very good on fuel. I mow 3 acres a week.”



Dennis Johnson, Pipestone, Minn.: “I’ve had excellent results with **Kuchar** High Performance combine parts (www.kucharcombineparts.com; 217-854-9838). I first used Kuchar parts on a Deere 9870 because no matter how I set the machine, it was grinding the corn. That all changed when I put in the Kuchar accelerator, rotor parts and concaves. The Kuchar concaves have more open area than the OEM parts. Corn can get through faster and not rub, so there isn’t any grinding. The machine capacity was 20 to 30 percent better with a cleaner sample in the tank. I traded for a Deere 690, and it put way too many cobs in the tank. I tried Estes concaves and there wasn’t a big improvement, even at different settings, so I switched those out for Kuchar concaves and rotor parts. The Kuchar progressive concave design moves corn through the machine easier without any grinding. There’s no white dust behind the machine and no kernels on the ground, so the parts are doing what they’re designed to do. The grain is clean, there’s more in the tank, and the machine has more capacity. All that adds up to more money in my pocket from every acre.”

Wayne Hopper, Brussels, Ontario: “I bought a new **GMC** pickup in 2020 with a Duramax 2.7-liter diesel engine. It’s a great vehicle, runs well and drives better than others I’ve had. It has plenty of power and gets an amazing 33 mpg, more than twice as much as other guys I know are getting with larger Duramax engines. In March of 2022, the DEF tank heater failed on my pickup, and I called the Ontario dealership where I go for repairs. They told me they have five other pickups just like mine with the same ailment and they can’t get parts from General Motors. Now my pickup is parked, and I can’t even get a loaner because there aren’t any available. It’s frustrating because it’s our busy time of the year and I don’t have a pickup to use and can’t even rent one anywhere. I hope GM acknowledges the problem soon and does something about it. I also hope when the repair part is installed that it’ll last longer than two years and a little over 40,000 miles.”

Hopper bought a used 310 **Deere** SG backhoe with 2,400 hours in 2008. “It was only four years old, and it caused me grief practically from day one. It had all kinds of fuel problems, the electronic reverser went out, the engine control unit quit, and twice I replaced the injection pump. After putting only 800 hrs. on it with all those problems and spending a lot on repairs I was fed up and



deVries uses his **Bad Boy** mower to mow around trees and likes how it handles.

“Best Buy” Bad Boy Mower

Lee deVries, Crawfordsville, Ore.: “I couldn’t be happier with a product than I’ve been with my American-made **Bad Boy** zero-turn mower (www.badboymowers.com; ph 866-622-3269). They make mowers from small walk-behinds to large commercial diesel-powered mowers. I spent a lot of time looking at various brands of mowers before deciding that **Bad Boy** was the best-built, in my opinion.

“My choice was the **Rogue** model with a 61-in. deck and a 35-hp. **Kawasaki** engine. There were three deck and five engine options to choose from. Having a suspension system rather than just attaching the frame to the axle makes for a great ride. The deck is made of 1/4 and 3/8-in. steel. Since this is probably my last mower, I decided to load it up with accessories, such as an advanced chute system (with a flip of a lever you can keep from blowing grass all over your wife’s flower beds), power deck lift, suspension

seat, assist handle (for easy on and off), hard top cover, tool storage tray, trailer hitch, and chrome wheel covers. Since it has dual exhaust, I added chrome tips.

“To keep the rear wheels from throwing grass on the deck, I fabricated a set of fenders that work quite well. I got that idea from a previous **FARM SHOW** article.

“The mower has a 2-in. receiver on front. I welded a piece of 2-in. tubing onto a trailer tongue jack. When it’s time to sharpen the blades, I just plug it in and crank it up for easy access.

“We have quite a lot of what used to be pasture to mow, plus 158 cedar trees that are from 3 to 12 years old to mow around. I used to do the job with an **IH Cub Lo-Boy** equipped with a 5-ft. belly-mount mower. The **Bad Boy** has cut the time to less than half and is much more agile, so one can get closer to things, resulting in a nicer look.”

“Best Buy” Salvaged 2-Row Planter

One of **Doug Phillips**’s best buys in Zearing, Iowa, was a 2-row **Deere** planter that he picked up at a local salvage yard.

He uses the planter to add weekly additions to his sweet corn plots so he’ll have a steady supply of fresh corn at harvest time.

He also uses the mini planter to fill in missed spots in the field caused by plugged planters or other malfunctions and to plant wet spots in fields after they dry up.

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Phillips uses his 2-row **Deere** planter on his seed corn plots and to fill in spots when needed.

got rid of it at an auction.

“My absolute best buy is a 1982 **MF 184-4** that has 9,000 hrs. The 236 **Perkins** engine has never been apart, and it always starts, even when it’s cold.”

Dave Webb, Stillwell, Kan.: “I bought my **Stihl** chainsaw when I was 13 years old to cut firewood. That was more than 50 years ago, and it’s cut tons of wood in that time. We even used it to saw through the back part of a house so it could be moved. This saw was once run over by a skid steer but with the help of our local dealer, we found all the parts to rebuild it. I just finished a tree trimming job using this saw and just had to sit down and write this report.”

Gary Dickhaut, papagaryd@gmail.com: “I read with interest the report in your last issue about the reader who bought a kinetic wind sculpture that was advertised as made in the USA out of stainless steel. I bought one, too. It came from China and was made out of cheap tin, so it quickly rusted and doesn’t work. I just got a notice that the company went out of business. A waste of money.”

Robert Tilden, Tangier, Nova Scotia: “I bought a **Briggs & Stratton** electric generator in 2019 for \$1,300 to get us through the many power outages we live with on the eastern shore of Nova Scotia. After just 40 hrs. on the clock, it died. I called a B&S service center 1 1/2 hrs. away and he said