

BUYING TIPS YOU CAN USE

Randomly selected farmers “tell it like it is” in nominating their “best” and “worst” buys.

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Cliff Bennett, Baldonnel, B.C.: “I have ordered numerous products I’ve read about in FARM SHOW over the years and have been very satisfied. However, I have had a very bad experience with a **Qwicktie** bale tie system from Qwicktie, LLC in Scotland, S. Dak. We talked on the phone many times and I agreed to order two sets of their baler twine tie arms and sent a check that cleared my bank soon after. Since then, all attempts to reach the company have failed for the past 5 months. I would caution anyone from dealing with this company and, in general, only send payment C.O.D.”

David Koepping, West Linn, Ore.: “I bought a 1971 **Ford** 3000 diesel tractor with loader 4 years ago. I loved it so much I recently bought a 1978 Ford 4600. Stop me before I buy more!”

Steve Carey, Boulder, Mont.: “This might be a great putt-around vehicle but it was not made for a rancher in the mountains,” says Steve about his 2006 **Honda** Rancher ES ATV. “The body kept shifting, with many fasteners falling out multiple times. The engine cuts out going up steeper hills, it doesn’t have the power to pull a small trailer, and we had to replace the starter, the rear

also installed a 540 and 1,000 rpm pto off a White 2-150 wheel tractor. In addition, we replaced the original fuel injection pump with an Interim Scroll Fuel injection pump off a Caterpillar D7G, set at 200 hp. A bigger manifold and turbocharger helps engine exhaust temperature to run cooler. The changes helped boost engine horsepower from 165 to 200 hp.

“This crawler works great to pull a 7-shank Sunflower deep ripper 14 in. deep. It has a 6-speed and hydraulic steering. It’ll outperform any 4-WD wheeled tractor doing tillage work and burn less fuel, with less soil compaction and very little slippage. It also rides better in the field than wheeled tractors. We have two of these on our farm and are well-pleased with them.”

C.F. Marley, Nokomis, Ill.: “I put up with fungus under my fingernails for years. I never believed an internal medicine could clear up the problem until my doctor told me taking one tablet of the prescription medicine Terbinafine each day for the first week of the month for 4 months would cure the problem. I tried it and in 4 months, I had grown a complete new set of fingernails. After years of topical treatments, I finally found a solution.”

Darold Isham, Flint, Mich.: Darold’s impressed with **Over Rust**, a chemical formula that stops and prevents rust (ph 800 541-7483; www.fertilizerdealer.com). “It does away with the need for sand blasting or wire brushing. Just paint it on and let it dry. All the rust will be gone, never to return.”

Robert Bauer, Hastings, Minn.: “My **DeWalt** 14-volt, 1/2-in. drive impact tool has a lot of power for its size. It gets into small spaces and is lightweight, unlike an 18-volt impact tool, which is heavy and clumsy. I take this tool up my silos for making repairs, and it works great for climbing up and around my combine. I use it almost every time I’m in the shop. I love it.

“My **Unverferth** 1225 rolling basket came equipped with a spike tooth harrow in front of the rolling baskets. However, the harrow plugged up the first time I used it and I had to remove it. That part of it was a waste of money and now it lays in a corner of my shed. The rolling basket does work well and I wouldn’t be without it. Other than the harrow, it’s a great machine.”

Jim Gisselberg, St. John, Wash.: A 2011 **Deere** Gator 825 utility vehicle rates as Jim’s “best buy”. “It starts in all weather. The snowplow attachment is easy to put on. I use this machine for spot spraying, carrying three 26-gal. tanks in back with 40-ft. boomless spray nozzles. Some of the hills here in the Palouse region are fairly steep, and the only downside is that I can’t use engine compression to slow down when going downhill. I always have to use the vehicle’s brakes.”

Al Griffiths, Helena, Mont.: “My 1996 **Dodge** 1500 1/2-ton pickup equipped with a 318 cu. in. engine gets about 20 mpg on the highway, which I think is pretty good. It’s dependable and has about 145,000 miles on it, yet all I’ve replaced are the fuel pump and brakes.”

Jim Wagner, Farmington, N.Y.: Jim’s the satisfied owner of a **Kubota** ZD21 zero-turn riding mower equipped with a 60-in. deck. “It’s reliable and fuel efficient and is a tremendous time saver on our horse farm.”

Jillian and Steve Hartley, Cherryfield,

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brakes, and the shifting is rough. Also, the choke sticks at random.”

On the positive side, he likes his **Case IH** Maxxum 125 tractor. “It’s equipped with the 6.7 Cummins and has all the power needed on a working ranch. It pulls a 605L Vermeer baler during haying season, a 300-gal. spayer in the fall, a Haybuster hay chopper to fill bunks in the winter, and a tandem disc, seeder and land roller in the spring. I call it my office.”

Thomas Jones, Williamstown, Ky.: “I’ve read reports in past issues from people dissatisfied with **EdenPure** electric heaters. I have two 1,000-watt EdenPure units that I like. I did have trouble with the first units I received but the company sent me new upgraded heaters at no expense to me. I’ve been using them now for 3 years with no trouble.”

Larry Anderson, Okla.: After having an allergic reaction after cleaning grain bins, Larry started using an **Airstream** dust helmet (ph 800 328-1792; www.airwareamerica.com). “Over the years, my allergies grew so severe that I now have a sealed room inside my house where I spend most of my time. If I go outside that room at all, I wear the latest Airware American helmet, a Trend Airshield Pro helmet. Twin filters with 98 percent efficiency increase filtration by 400 percent over the older helmets. The 8-hour NiMH battery pack can be quickly changed out with a fresh battery pack. Sells for around \$500.”

Eli Yoder, Howard, Ohio: “My 2011 **Fiskars** X27 splitting axe splits with one strike and very seldom gets stuck in the wood (www.fiskars.com).”

Michael Zimmerman, Versailles, Mo.: Michael is pleased with his 1980 **Caterpillar** D5B SA crawler tractor. “We replaced the whole undercarriage with all new parts and