

fuel and starts the first time over. I plan to drive it 10 years or 200,000 miles. It now has 29,000 miles on and I just love it."

LaRue Johnson, Mitchell, Ind.: "The only problems I had with my 8030 **Allis Chalmers** tractor bought new were a small leak in the cab roof, which I corrected, and a very small leak at the rear main. The dealer picked the tractor up and installed a new seal during the off-season."

Verlyn Lapour, Alcester, S. Dak.: "My 1984 8-row **White 5100** planter with SM3000 monitor is perfect. It's the first time I've enjoyed planting. The monitor counts acres and population instantly. Planter plants accurate, and places seed at the proper depth. Also get super service from the dealer."

"I'm also pleased with my 1987 **GMC 1/2-ton 4-WD** pickup. GM even extended the warranty to 60,000 miles two months after I purchased the truck. I did have a 1979 **GMC 1/2-ton**. Put 90,000 miles on it with just minor tune-ups."

Ronald Kielkopf, Fremont, Iowa: "My 1986 **Kent 26-ft. Disc-O-Vator** is best buy. It's easier to adjust than the similar **Glencoe** product it replaced. Also, there's a very good relationship between the company's engineers and farmer ideas."

Gordon Fike, Mansfield, Ohio: He nominates his 1986 **Dodge 150** pickup and 1986 **Ingersoll 18-hp.** lawn and garden tractor as "best buys". "The pickup rides well, gets good mileage and is well built. The garden tractor also works well. I have the hydrotiller, snow thrower and blade attachments which all work great."

James Thompson, Thompson, Iowa: "For the past 5 yrs. I've used **Bladex** with my grass herbicide on corn and generally got good results. But the past 3 yrs. I've had to spot treat more and more broadleaf escapes with **Banvel**. This year was a failure due mostly to dry conditions. I treated some spots twice and still had poor results. Next year I'll forget the **Bladex** and come back post emerge with **Banvel**, or **Buctril** and atrazine to control broadleaves."

He's happier with his **New Holland 489** Haybine and **Kinze 500 gal.** spray cart. "I replaced a 479 Haybine, which was a good machine, with the 489 and there's no comparison. The 489 has less weight supported by the float springs. In 300 acres of mowing, I've only broken one guard and section. The paint job is better than on most cars and pickups I've owned."

"The **Kinze** cart is very rugged and versatile. I use it with a 3-pt. 40-ft. boom sprayer. The surprising thing is that with a disk or digger behind, it makes for a long rig but no maneuverability problems are created. The implement follows the cart like a shadow. Its 18.4 by 26 tires make it roll like it's not even there. The only time that I notice the extra pull on my **Deere 4630** is when the tank is full and going uphill."

Arlin Pfingsten, Boyden, Iowa: "I like my **ZTR Dixon 424** lawn mower but it could use heavier bearings in the driveline."

Bob Kemp, Poplar Grove, Ill.: "My 1986 48-in. **Simplicity 5216** lawn mower has performed well but I think the belt system could be improved by adding a couple of pulleys and making several belts instead of one long, complicated belt."

Robert F. Filipiak, Stanley, Wis.: "I'm very satisfied with the **M3A-F Fish** carburetor that I put on my 1974 **K-10 Chevy** Suburban with a **V-8 402 engine**. I get 3 more mpg although it's not as quick as some other carburetors. Manufacturer could make the adapters out of aluminum

and change the choke to electric."

John Vermeer, Sheldon, Iowa: John names his 750 Super B Energy Miser crop dryer by **Beard Mfg.** as "best buy". "Very well built and extremely well engineered. Good dealer service, also."

John Snyder, Storm Lake, Iowa: "My 1978 **International 1486** tractor has excellent traction in the field and more than enough horsepower. I've never had a bit of trouble."

Roland Tischendorf, Oak Creek, Wis.: "I purchased **PPG Industries Cobra** weed killer for soybeans. It really worked well for giant ragweed when the beans were 1-2 ft. tall. Never had such good results before."

William H Myers, Denton, Kan.: "I like my **Grass Hopper** lawn mower as it handles very well. But, I've had the engine out of it 4 times, twice for engine trouble as

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the valve seats came loose. This is an aluminum block with cast sleeves. The chain drives are too light and keep getting loose. I have to pull the engine to tighten them. It needs a better way to adjust these chains. Heavier chain and sprockets would help."

Richard Amendt, Marshalltown, Iowa: "Gas mileage on my 1985 **S-10 Chevy** pickup is excellent. The 4-wheel drive works real well and the 4-cyl. engine is adequate."

He's not as happy with a **McCulloch Mac 70** gas-powered string trimmer. "The engine is perfect and has plenty of power but the automatic advance for the line is too light. It comes apart when in use. The spring and internal parts go flying and are impossible to find. It's hard to get the dealer to get replacement parts."

Eugene Heitz, Charles City, Iowa: Eugene names his **Black & Decker** "Professional" 4-in. hand grinder as "best buy". "I use it for everything from grinding off bolt and rivet heads to sharpening mower blades. It's lightweight and the quick release power switch is in a comfortable position. I don't know how I got along without it."

Clarence Kernstock, Auburn, Mich.: "My 1981 **Oldsmobile Cutlass** diesel car has over 91,000 miles on it. The engine has never been touched except for the injector pump and nozzles."

George Smoot, Milford, Del.: "I'm 74 years old and have about 14 acres of tillable ground. I have an old **S.C. Case** that does all my work. It was made in the late thirties but still runs and works okay."

"I'm also well-pleased with an **International 782** Cub Cadet that I bought three years ago."

Kenneth Herdrich, Greenwood, Wis.: "I haven't had any problems with my 1986 **Dari-Kool DKF 800** bulk milk cooler tank. Good service from the company."

Charles A. Mercer, Strathmore, Alb.: Charles nominates his 1982 **Hesston 1014** Hydra-swing pull-type hay windrower as "best buy". "The machine has been trouble free from day one. It was assembled (including optional equipment)

and serviced well. It's worked great mowing hay ever since."

Dennis Sykes, Ida Grove, Iowa: "Our 10,000 bu. **Sioux** grain bin built in 1986 is well constructed. It's sturdy, and the drying floor, made of the new channel lock floor, is easy to clean up behind the sweep auger. The **Sukup** gas dryer and double **Stirrator** do an excellent job. The crew that put the bin up did an outstanding job."

Orville Gilbertson, Ulen, Minn.: "My 1987 **Hay Buster HyLift** rock picker has to be my best buy. It's a well-built machine that hasn't given me any trouble."

Heitstuman Farm, Uniontown, Wash.: "The **Winn-O-Bar** (P.O. Box 39, Newdale, Man. Canada ROJ 1J0) for combines is really helping us. The clean, No. 1 grain and the big increase in capacity it gives makes it worth the price."

Warren Stephenson, High River, Alb.: Warren nominates his 1978 **TR 70 New Holland** combine and 1983 **Deere 510** round baler as "best buys". "Both machines are trouble free and a pleasure to operate."

Randy Pierson, Wardlow, Alb.: "My 1984 **KM 225 Steiger** tractor is trouble-free. The **L-10 Cummins** engine starts well, is good on fuel and pulls well. I pull a 46 ft. cultivator at 6 mph and burn 5-6 gal. of fuel per hr."

"Another best buy is a 1986 **Honda XR 250R** ATV. I use it for irrigating, checking and moving cows, checking crops and for recreation. Has a good suspension for our rough prairie and lots of power. I've put 1,500 miles on it without any troubles."

"I also like my 1986 **Ford F-150** Supercab with a 302 engine. Gets 22 mpg on the highway and plenty of power. I pulled an 18-ft. holiday trailer with it and got 12.1 to 13.4 mpg driving through the mountains. Truck starts well in cold weather and now has 25,000 miles on without needing any repairs."

Donald Scott, Moscow Mills, Mo.: "The worst new product we ever purchased was a **Snapper** self-propelled, walk-behind lawn mower. It's always been a headache. The dealer where we bought it won't work on it."

"Our best buy is a 1987 1/2-ton **Dodge** pickup. It's the finest driving and riding pickup I've ever driven or ridden in. Has power to spare and rides like a dream."

Dick Kasper, Wasilla, Alaska: "I put a **MH3 Fish** carburetor on my 1979 **Lincoln Mark V**. It almost doubled gas mileage plus it provided more power. I was so happy with it I've bought 4 more since then and I'm pleased with them all."

Harry Sheridan, Brookville, Kan.: Harry nominates his 1984 **Bush Hog 5-ft.** rotary mower as "best buy" but notes "lately **Bush Hog** models appear to be made of lower grade materials in comparison to the 1984-85 models."

As "worst buy", he cites the "new type ignition on all **Briggs & Stratton** engines. The new system isn't repairable. Since 1984, **Briggs & Stratton** engines have solid state ignition. Point and condenser ignition systems are much more reliable and anyone can repair such systems much easier. Also, starter recoil systems are plastic and won't last like metal recoil systems."

Verle Holdeman, Halstead, Kan.: "We like our 1980 1460 **International** combine so we recently purchased another one. Has plenty of power and gives a good, clean grain sample."

"We also like our 1985 **New Holland 320** baler. Makes good, solid, even-length

bales and we've had little trouble with it."

"Our worst buys are tools from **Harbor Freight & Salvage** and **Massey Ferguson** combines. The tools are poor quality. The jaws break off on the pipe wrenches and adjustable wrenches. As for the combine, I can't keep it running more than a day or two without trouble."

Kent Warrington, Erickson, Man.: He names his 1982 **Hesston 5500** round baler as "worst buy". "It made about 10 bales and then the belts started breaking."

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They put a kit on that was to stop the problem. I tried it, but it broke belts again and the pickup fell off. So, I returned it."

"My best buy is a 1986 **Yamaha 225** Moto-4. Starts any time, handles perfect and has lots of power."

John Killins, Dorchester, Ont.: "We've harvested 2,000 acres with our **Deere 7720** combine and only done basic maintenance to it. We also have two other **Deere** combines, a 7720 and a 8820 which we're also very pleased with."

John nominates a **SED** spray monitor as "worst buy". "It doesn't calibrate evenly. We spend more time reprogramming it than using it. We have to send it away for 3 weeks to get it worked on."

Doug Pevestorf, Coon Rapids, Iowa: "My 1983 **Ford F-350** with 6.9 liter diesel engine has great power and good fuel economy. Gets 13.5 mpg pulling a loaded trailer."

Don Ritzschke, Goldendale, Wash.: "My 1982 **A.M.C. Eagle 4-WD** sedan is the best car I ever drove. It gets 20 mpg and now has more than 60,000 miles on and hasn't had any problems. On slick roads it holds the road so well it's like driving on dry ground."

James Rocheleau, Barton, N.D.: "My **Wilrich 8-18** hinge frame plow plows beautifully and is strong, but it's next to impossible to change depth after changing lays. Also, when I get into mud, I can't raise it slightly to get through without wrecking the rear furrow. Thus the next furrow is also thrown out of whack. The furrow wheel rubs sideways against the furrow wall constantly. We can't seem to adjust it so the wheel will run straight."

James names his 1985 **Dual 3100** Quick Tach loader as "best buy". "It's a strong loader with cylinders that don't loosen up too bad on the ends. Overall, it's a well designed product built to last. But, I didn't like their flimsy grapple fork, so I built my own. Also, their mounts stick the loader out too far, so I built some that mount it tighter to the tractor front end."

Victor Jim Dubbert, Laddonia, Mo.: "Our best buy in the last year has been a set of skid plates from **Poly Tech Industries**, Monticello, Ga. for under the combine header. They help keep dirt or mud from getting in with your grain. We also like our 2594 **Case** tractor. It's trouble-free and has plenty of power."

Patrick Matthews, White Oak, S. Car.: "A 1986 **Vermeer 605-G** hay baler is our best buy. It's much improved over previous balers we've used. It starts making bales quickly and gives more even distribu-