

bucket so I can stand in it and work at a height up to 15 ft. This tractor will easily pull a 10-ft. bush hog.”

Nick Forrest, Miami, Okla.: Nick likes his 2007 **Mahindra** 7210 4-WD tractor equipped with a loader and cab, but says it has nevertheless had some problems. “Overall this tractor gets the job done, and I really like the shuttle shift transmission. It’s all the

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‘extras’ that I have problems with. The lights dim whenever I use both the front and rear lights. The drawbar is a joke and is attached to the tractor with just one lynch pin. It should be beefed up. The tractor itself runs good and has nice hydraulics. However, the heater is marginal and the air conditioning isn’t great. On a scale of 1 to 10, I’d give this tractor a 6, due to the great loader and the 4-wheel drive.”

Larry Thompson, Lewistown, Mo.: “I like my 1996 **Zetor** 3320 tractor equipped with a **Woods** DuAl loader. The engine is fuel efficient.”

Darrell Moffett, South Bend, Texas: “I use it to mow 4 acres on my property, along with neighbors’ lawns. It has required only routine maintenance,” says Darrell about his 2009 **Sears Craftsman** riding mower equipped with a 20 hp engine and 46-in. deck.

In 2011, Don bought an Italian-built Harvester **BCS-718** rear tine garden tiller. “It runs okay but it’s hard to keep the machine where I want it. The tines are only as wide as the drive wheels, which make it hard to keep it from sliding off into the soil I’ve already tilled. The tines should extend 3 to 4 in. beyond the wheels, which would make the machine easier to handle. Also, the handles should be higher so my back wouldn’t ache from having to bend over so far.”

David Paul, Mahanomen, Minn.: “My 2007 **Chrysler** Pacifica 4-WD car equipped with a 4.0-liter engine has room for six passengers. The company quit making this car in 2008, which was a mistake because it has a lot of power and is a joy to drive.”

Randy G. Worrell, Dugspur, Va.: “My 2011 **Massey Ferguson** 2660 4-WD loader tractor has a lot of power and is easy on fuel. The loader works great.

“My 2009 **Honda** 420cc 4-wheeler has never gone more than 90 miles without some kind of problem.”

J.D. Findley, Edwards, Mo.: “My 2008 **Mighty Mule** gate opener worked properly for only about six months after I bought it. After every little storm the computer board on it had to be replaced. Finally I just gave up.”

John K. Kilian, Norlina, N.C.: “My **Deere** 5105 MFWD tractor and 522 front-end loader has about 1,000 hrs. on it. It’ll handle two 1,000-lb. round bales at the same time with no problems. Excellent traction in 4-WD.”

Greg Kropf, Westphalia, Kan.: “I’m pleased with the **Klutch** heavy-duty air impact wrench I bought at Northern Tool (www.northerntool.com). I also bought their 19.2-volt cordless drill and used it to help build a garage. It’s well-built and has a nice carrying case. It’s difficult to switch between high and low speed, though.

“Our 2011 **Earth Outdoor** wood furnace is built like a tank, has a huge door, and is reasonably priced (ph 417 746-0043; www.earthwoodfurnace.com). I cut wood pieces 24 to 30 in. long and, because of the big door,

only have to split the biggest pieces. If I can lift a piece of wood, it’ll fit through the door. We live in a 2,500 sq. ft. house, and thanks to this wood furnace our propane furnace hasn’t run at all this winter.”

John Liberty, Corinna, Maine: “We use our **Massey Ferguson** 1532 loader tractor to bush hog and finish mow and also to plow and harrow. During the fall and winter we do logging work, so the loader is constantly in use.”

Kenneth Hoepfner, Washta, Iowa: “It’s the most comfortable car I’ve ever driven,” says Kenneth about his 2011 **Ford** Edge Limited. “I enjoy everything about this car. Driving it is like sitting in a big easy chair.”

Gerald Prickett, Myrtle Point, Ore.: “I mulch about 15 large garbage cans of leaves into my garden every fall. My 2011 **Stihl** 5H56C blower/mulcher does a great job of handling that kind of volume and rarely clogs up. Over the years I’ve had great luck with Stihl products including a chainsaw (24 years), pole saw (15 years), blower (2 years) and the mulcher.”

Kirk Flammang, Lawton, Iowa: “My 2011 **Deere** 4630 self-propelled sprayer runs smooth, is fast and handles very well. The automatic boom shutoff works great with no misses. The chemical educator will take a 51-lb. bag of AMS in about 10 seconds. One improvement I’d like to see is an overhead view from the 2600 Greenstar display instead of the current ‘highway’ view.”

Jim Forester, Thunder Bay, Ont.: “In 2004 I bought a used 1992 Ford F-150 equipped with a 302 cu. in. engine with about 150,000 miles on it. The check engine light came on frequently so I changed the fuel pressure switch. The oil pressure gauge never showed any pressure.

“I switched to Esso Protec 10/30 oil, and the oil gauge started to move to normal. I changed the oil again after 500 miles, and since then the pressure gauge has been running at normal.

“However, the check engine light kept coming on so in 2008 I started using only Shell regular gas, and the check engine light hasn’t come on since. Now the pickup has about 200,000 miles on it. So, my best buys are the 1992 Ford F-150, Esso oil and Shell gas.”

Gene Wissenburg, Newman Grove, Neb.: Gene’s had good luck with his 2003 **Miller** 150 230-volt wire feed welder. “I use it to weld mostly sheet metal, but the wire feed will handle mild steel up to 1/4 in. thick.”

Larry Eilers, Las Vegas, Nevada: “I couldn’t be happier with my 2003 **Dodge** 2500 4-WD pickup equipped with a Cummins diesel engine. It has about 156,000 miles, but all I’ve replaced are the lift pump and two taillight bulbs. It pulls my fifth wheel, 14,000-lb. recreational vehicle like it’s in love with it.”

Donald Martin, Republic, Ohio: “It’s the hardest working piece of equipment I own,” says Donald about the **ASV SR80** skid loader he bought used. “The suspension system on it lets me run across rough ground at 12 mph. It’ll also go right through deep mud and snow. The only problem is I keep buying more attachments for it. We use it almost every day.”

David H. Chadbourne, Harmony, Maine: “My 2005 **Kubota** RTV900 utility vehicle is trouble-free. I use it every day to haul 4-ft. long pulpwood, gravel, sawdust, calves and so on. The dump body is built strong and can handle anything I can fit into it.

“I paid \$1,600 for my 2010 **Rinnai** R75LS hot water heater, and it ran fine for 1 1/2 years before a problem developed. The dealer couldn’t fix it and charged \$400 to clean

Part-Time Logger Names Supplier As “Best Buy”

“Bailey’s is a great place to find small time logging equipment. They have good service and good prices,” says Daniel Patrick, Galina, Alaska.

Logger Bill Bailey and his wife started Bailey’s 36 years ago out of their garage in Laytonville, Calif. Now, the company has 100,000 sq. ft. of warehouse space for its continually expanding line of products that cover the gamut from chainsaws, to firewood processors to how-to videos. The list also includes tools for woodworkers, winches and pullers, surveying and recreational equipment, firefighting accessories, and vehicle accessories.

the unit. The company refused to replace it but said they would buy it back for \$400. I refused the offer. It’ll probably go on my next load of scrap to the junkyard.”

Sheldon Hansel, Richfield, N.Y.: “My **Kuhn** 4000 mower conditioner is well built and comes with free life service on updates. The Kuhn service rep came to my farm with an updated bearing design at no cost to me, even though I didn’t have any problems with the machine. That’s a good company.

“My 1978 **Deere** 4240 tractor wouldn’t start unless the temperature was above 50 degrees, and the company wouldn’t help. I installed a high torque starter and rebuilt the fuel injection pump, but nothing helped. Finally, I bought an injection pump designed for a 4440 tractor, had it rebuilt, and installed new fuel lines to make it work. Now the tractor runs like new.”

Lyle Schwarzrock, Poplar, Mont.: “Our best buy 1978 **New Holland** 315 small square baler works great while requiring only routine maintenance. After buying the first one I now have three of these balers and use them every summer in my haying business. They’re the best.”

Lee Horst, Gettysburg, Penn.: He’s had good luck with his 2002 **Deere** 8310 tractor. “It’s a dream to drive. I bought it out of Arkansas sight unseen after finding it online. It has a lot of power and is fuel efficient. I can work an acre of ground pulling an 18-ft. Krause disk and a packer, while using only a gallon of fuel. It’s a nice piece of equipment.

“My worst piece of equipment is a new **Deere** 1750 corn planter. The first time we pulled it in the field most of the drive pins on the shafts fell out. Apparently when it was assembled someone didn’t put the cotter pins in place. The dealer went over it and found several loose bolts. During the first 300 acres of planting the drive clutch went out and was replaced under warranty. We then planted another 200 acres before a second clutch went out. This time the dealer wouldn’t replace the clutch under warranty.”



Andy A. Miller, Arthur, Ill.: Andy’s in the hay and fertilizer business. He pulls his “best buy” **Kuhn** bale accumulator behind his Case IH square baler, which is powered by a horse-drawn engine-driven forecart. The accumulator lays down flat groups of bales that he later retrieves with a “grabber” on his skid steer, loading them onto a wagon that holds 225 bales. He puts up 15,000 bales a year using the system.

Bailey’s prides itself on taking orders 24/7, 365 days a year by phone or through its online website. They offer a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee on items returned within 30 days.

Bailey’s also has a retail store in Woodland, Calif., which is handy for local woodcutters.

But for folks like Patrick living in Alaska, Bailey’s is just a phone call or a computer click away.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bailey’s Retail Outlet, P.O. Box 550, Woodland, Calif. 95776 (ph 800 322-4539; www.baileysonline.com).

Mark Gasparovic, Gosport, Ind.: “I like my **Rockwell** drill and impact driver combo kit (ph 866 514-7625; www.rockwelltools.com). The company offers a lifetime replacement on its batteries, which is great. We found the drill would stop intermittently and contacted the company. They sent us the entire drill pack as a replacement, including a new charger and batteries. Not many companies will do that for you.

“A **Shelterlogic** Garage is my worst buy. It’s basically an overpriced tarp on a metal frame. Holes have developed in it just about everywhere – any place where the skin makes contact with the frame, a hole has formed. Also, the garage’s entrance zippers are junk. This shelter is only two years old but is already half trashed and should be replaced. It’s supposed to be a fully enclosed model, but the gaps in it are so huge that stray pets wander inside and urinate on everything.”

Mark Coulston, Eau Claire, Mich.: “My wife bought a used **Club Car** utility vehicle while working at a golf course (ph 800 258-2227; www.clubcar.com). It has a Kawasaki 9 hp engine that starts easy, is easy on gas, and easy to maintain. I’ve used this rig to haul large loads of gravel for our driveway, to pull logs from the woods, to give rides to visitors, and to pull my daughters and their friends on sleds. We had been looking for a used 4-wheeler when we found this vehicle, and I’m glad we bought it. It’s a real work saver.”

T. Snyder, Sunbury, Penn.: “We’re well pleased with our **Horning** kernel processor which has given us 10 seasons of trouble-free use (ph 717 445-9317). The company makes rolls that fit Claas, Deere, and New Holland forage harvesters. A close friend installed one 2 years ago on his Deere 3970 forage harvester and is also happy with it. He says there aren’t many things that work right the first time, but this unit does.”

Mary Sinn, Williamsburg, Iowa: “My **Edenpure** heater burned out before it was a year old. The replacement model burned out, too. Never again.”

Albert Sutlick, Walla Walla, Wash.: He likes his 2009 **Makita** 10.8-volt cordless lithium ion drill and impact driver kit. “It has plenty of power and is small and lightweight. The batteries are about the size of a small LED flashlight, but the charge lasts several months. The entire drill is small enough to fit into the pocket of my overalls.”

Philip Ruble, Nebo, Ill.: “I recently was in the market for a used Deere 4640. I found one with low hours at **KSR Equipment** in Pontiac, Ill., which is about 190 miles from my place (ph 815 842-1149; www.ksrequipment.com). Before the tractor ever made it to the field, I discovered that it lacked power. The KSR salesman and I decided we’d take the tractor to a local Deere dealer

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