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grease by hand, which about wore me out. The Greasemaster is a lot more convenient than an air-operated pump because you don't need to haul an air compressor around to run it.

"The only thing I know about the manufacturer is that the words 'G and T Industries, Inc., Wichita, Kansas' are inscribed on the tool. (Editor's Note: We couldn't find the company listed in any directory, so we don't know if they're still in business or how to contact them. If anyone has any information on this company please let us know).

Bob Olson, Amboy, Ill.: "We couldn't believe how well it worked," says Bob about the **Schlagel** power chip he put into his 2001 Deere 8310 4-WD to boost horsepower. "We pull a 24-row corn planter and a 31-ft. bean planter but didn't quite have enough horsepower. The chip boosted the tractor about 65 hp., which made all the difference in the world. Works like a charm. My son borrowed the tractor and didn't want to give it back. So we're ordering another one for our other 4-WD.

"It took only a couple minutes to install. It simply plugs into the wiring harness that leads out of the injector pump. Essentially,

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it's like turning up the fuel pump on an older model tractor. The chip we bought will work on any 8.1 Deere engine.

"The Schlagel people told me they've never had a complaint. A lot of guys are putting them into new tractors. You can save a lot of money. For example, the 8410 has 25 more horsepower than the 8310 with exactly the same engine. But it costs \$8,000 more. You can just buy the 8310 and install this chip and you'll have even more horsepower. We're sold on the idea."

Sylvio Bourgeois, Yucaipa, Ind.: "My 2000 **Kubota** 3410 4-WD diesel tractor is a best buy. It's easy on fuel, handles well, and has all the power I need.

"My 2002 **Chevrolet** Duramax 3/4-ton diesel pickup is also a best buy. It gets about 22 mpg and the ride is great. I use it to pull my 24-ft. flatbed trailer loaded with a tractor and disk. I've had no problems at all with it. The diesel engine runs a lot quieter than the diesels in Ford and Dodge pickups.

"My **Deere** pressure washer cost \$550 but never worked right from the start. I took it back to the dealer but he couldn't get it to work either. I finally bought a different model at Home Depot for \$350 that works fine."

Schuyler Tomes, Utica, Neb.: "Our 1999 **Ford** XL F-250 2-WD pickup has never been in the shop for repairs.

"Our 2002 **Honda** 200 4-WD ATV is our worst buy. We were able to use it only for a short time before the engine blew up. We had to buy another new model."

Edd Smith, Oak Harbor, Wash.: "I've used it a lot with never a hint of a problem," says Edd, pleased with his **Lincoln** 125/225 AC-DC stick welder. "I've used it to weld everything from light material to cast iron and stainless steel. Its performance is flawless.

"I'm not happy with my **Deere** 317 garden tractor. "I bought it used a few years ago and it's now on its third Kohler 17 hp engine. The company should never have allowed such a power plant to be used in its products."

Kevin Borglin, New Buffalo, Mich.: Ken has had problems with his 2000 **Chevrolet** Silverado extended cab 4-WD longbed pickup. "The driveshaft bent for no reason at 26,000 miles, and the pickup was in the shop for 39 days because the company couldn't supply a new shaft to the dealer. All they did was offer a free oil change for my trouble."

Edward Welters, Verona, Mo.: Edward nominates three old but reliable tractors as "best buys".

He bought his 1968 **Minneapolis Moline** G900 LP loader tractor used when it was 12



years old. "It still has the same clutch it had when we bought it. We credit that to the engine, which runs at slow rpm's. We've put more than 5,000 hours on it. It's an economical tractor to operate.

"We bought our **Minneapolis Moline** G1350 LPWheatland about ten years ago and



mounted a **Vaughn** front-end loader on it. The loader has tremendous capacity - it will lift more than 5,000 lbs. The loader's normal lift height is 12 ft., but by adding a boom it will lift up to 15 ft. high. We prefer tractors that run on LP gas, especially for loader work.

"We bought our **White** 2-85 turbocharged tractor used. It generates 105 hp on the



dynamometer. We use this tractor mainly for haying work so we decided to make it our 'economy' tractor. We put in some different pto gears that allow us to slow down the engine speed while keeping up the pto speed. As a result, at 1,600 to 1,800 engine rpm's we can pull a discbine or a baler at 5 to 7 mph and use only about 2 gallons of fuel, when other tractors would use 3 to 4 gallons. This tractor is equipped with a 3-speed shift-on-the-go transmission that really works good in the field."

Mark Lange, Paullina, Iowa: Mark likes his 2000 **Case-IH** 8312 disc mower-conditioner. "This is my second 8312 model. I do a lot of custom work and both machines have performed excellent even in the toughest conditions. They cut fast and do a good job of conditioning hay.

He Treats Well Water With Hydrogen Peroxide

Water has often been described as the most neglected ingredient in livestock rations but that's not true for pork producer Wayne Neuberger, Klemme, Iowa.

He installed a chlorinator on his well years ago that provides water for his hog buildings and home.

While the chlorine did the job on the water, Neuberger didn't like the idea that you could smell and taste it in the water. Then he heard about a system that injects hydrogen peroxide into the water line.

"Peroxide can do everything chlorine can do when it comes to taking contaminants out of water," he believes. "The big advantage we noticed right away is that it leaves no smell or taste in the water."

Then he found another advantage.

"It wasn't until after I'd switched to peroxide that I found what the chlorine had done to my well," he says. "We'd been using chlorine tablets, dropping them into the well casing. Chlorine is highly corrosive and it actually ate through the steel casing. We had to pull the pump, re-drill the well and replace the casing. When we pulled the pump, it was encrusted in undissolved chlorine from the tablets."

He says the cost was "significant." He had the well deepened, but the water from the lower aquifer had a high sulfur content.

That showed him another advantage of hydrogen peroxide. "Peroxide immediately oxidizes the sulfur, so we have water that's as clean, clear and odorless as fresh spring water. There's also iron oxide in the water and while the peroxide can't take it out by itself without extra filtration, it keeps it in suspension so it doesn't accumulate and plug waterers," he says.

Neuberger says he's run out of peroxide a couple of times. When that happens, the sulfur smell and taste show up in the water to remind him it's time to get a new supply.

He says you don't need to be a plumber or expert mechanic to install a hydrogen

peroxide injection system. "All you need is a squeeze pump to inject it into the water and a wire from the well pump controller to the squeeze pump, so when the water pump comes on, the squeeze pump does, too."

After that, he says, the big thing is calibrating the squeeze pump so the right amount of peroxide is injected into the water. Hydrogen peroxide test strips tell you the level you're at. "Once you have it set, that's all there is to it," he says. "I haven't touched the pump since then."

Neuberger has found one more way to use peroxide for his hogs. "I add a little extra to the hog water through the medicator whenever I hear them coughing or suspect they might have a touch of a respiratory infection," he says. "That almost always knocks it out and I seldom use any other medication."

Compared to drugs, peroxide is considerably less expensive. And, while it costs less than a penny per pig more than chlorine for treating water, Neuberger says the fact that it's noncorrosive and not apparent in the water makes it more desirable and probably more economical in the long run.

He says he uses a 15 gal. barrel of peroxide every couple of months, or about 90 gal. per year, at a cost of about \$15 per gal. Neuberger uses 35 percent hydrogen peroxide, purchased from Randy Navratil, national sales manager for Kennedy Enterprises, Belmond, Iowa. Navratil says the 35 percent product, called Oxy Blast, is available in 5- and 15-gal. barrels, and 500 lb. drums. He also has a 50 percent concentration product in 15 gal. and 500 lb. containers.

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"My 1994 **Case-IH** 5240 Maxxum tractor is a best buy. I've put more than 4,000 hours on this tractor, and it hasn't been in the shop once. It's fuel efficient and has a lot of power. It has required only routine maintenance."

Brent Brueland, Boone, Iowa: "My **New Holland** 55 hay rake is my best buy. I bought it used decades ago from the original owner, yet it's still as tight as the day it was manufactured. It picks up hay well and does a great job of mowing."

On the "worst buy" side, he lists his 1997 **Dynamarck** 18 hp garden tractor. "The mower deck is built too light, the gauge wheels and cables have broken, and the spindle bearings went out. Also, parts for it are hard to find."

Ronald Fenske, Engadine, Mich.: "My **Skil** cordless drill is my worst buy. The battery charger quit working so I tried to find another charger. I checked out the company's Website and found that I could order one there, but unfortunately they didn't provide any price information. I E-mailed the company to find out where I could get a charger and they sent me names of some stores that were supposed to carry them. However, the nearest store was more than 100 miles away. I made the trip only to find out

that this store didn't carry them. I E-mailed the company again and they sent the name of the nearest service center, which again is 100 miles from me and in Canada. I ended up buying another company's drill. Over the years I've owned a lot of Skil tools, but you can be sure I'll never own another one."

Bud Sobesne, Bronson, Mich.: "My 2001 **Husqvarna** 350 chain saw is my worst buy. After I used it for only a few days it wouldn't start. I took the saw back to the dealer and got it going. However, the next day it wouldn't start again. This happened six different times. The company finally gave me a new model, but I was able to use it for only about six hours before it refused to start, too. I took the saw back and they found that it had only about 75 lbs. of compression. New parts were ordered six weeks ago, but they're still not here."

Roy Richters, Utica, Neb.: "My **M & W** Dyna Drive is the finest tillage tool I've ever used. It can be used during the fall for breaking up stalks and leaves enough cover on top of the ground to hold soil. In the spring with one pass it will work the ground into an ideal planting bed that will not wind erode and holds valuable moisture in the soil."