

house. It heats both my house and hot water. I'm 100% satisfied and have now applied for a distributorship in this area."

**Elmer E. Croll, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania:** "I have a 656D International Hydro with 3,700 hrs. that I purchased in 1969. I'm pleased with it. The only problem I've had so far is that I had to replace both front spindles."

**Dave Scott, Springdale, Washington:** "I'm pleased with my Kubota M4500 DT and M7500 DT tractors. Great performance, good fuel economy and our two 7500's start especially easy for diesels."

"My 1978 4-WD Ford 3/4 ton pickup leaves something to be desired, however. I purchased it new with a 6-cyl engine for fuel economy but all I got was less power. Mpg is about as high as any other pickup. The heater hasn't warmed up since the warranty expired. However, it starts and runs good."

**David R. Wolfinger, Ottsville, Pennsylvania:** "My 1979 International 686 tractor is easy to handle, comfortable and easy on fuel. Requires no maintenance other than filters and tires. I use it for planting, spraying, mowing, baling and towing silage wagons."

**Alice L. Wheeler, Richmond, Maine:** Alice's "worst buy" is a Martin Scavenger Manure Spreader. "The drive chain was faulty and links kept separating. The company replaced them with new sprockets and larger chain. The wheels also kept loosening up. I had to drill hubs and put in studs. The tubless tires also kept going flat. Driving on flat ground would break the bead. I put tubes in them but the spreader should be designed with larger tires."

"On the other hand my best buy is a Westphalia computer grain feeder. We had excellent help installing the feeder. It's been trouble-free the first year."

**John Pasek, Minden, Nevada:** "My model 266 Husqvarna chain saw is the best handling saw I've ever had. Never had any trouble with it."

**Rickie Gheen, Perryton, Texas:** "The workmanship was poor quality and it was put together in a rush," says Rickie, disappointed with his Crust Buster grass drill. "The chain guard lasted 2 hrs. and is now in the iron pile. Changing speeds with the sprocket is also a messy chore."

He's happy with his Global seed cleaner for screening wheat and oats. "I'm surprised at the quality and performance of this machine. I've ordered several different screens since I bought it and the company sent them right away."

**Ernest Hoover, Manheim, Pennsylvania:** "Since I had a Motorola 620 cellular mobile telephone installed in the tractor, I wouldn't want to farm without it. I can call for parts or service right from the field."

**C. Norton, Wellington, Ohio:** He names his 54 by 75 ft. Morton pole barn as "best buy". "Best building of its kind available today. Has high quality workmanship and an outstanding warranty. The crew aims to please and does."

**Jeff Vackiner, Chambers, Nebraska:** "Although my Tonutti T8-85 Danish tine wheel rake does an excellent job raking, the teeth catch on the tool bar and stop the wheels from turning. You then have to stop and bend the teeth back in line before you can take off again. Also, a seal went bad in the cylinder that raises the rake. It's an oddball type that

can't be replaced with a normal cylinder.

"My best buy is a New Holland model 85 round bale mover. It loads and unload bales quickly on the go. I pull it with an IHC "M" tractor with duals. I can haul up to 4 big bales off of very wet meadows without leaving ruts."

**Billy Anderson, Dalton, Georgia:** "I bought a 260 Kubota in 1971 and never had any problems with it. I sold it in 1985 and bought a new 2850 Kubota. I like having the gear shift on the steering column."

"I'm also pleased with the Hardy outside wood-fired furnace we installed in December of 1986."

**Ronald Shockey, Tipton, Indiana:** He says his 1986 S-15 GMC truck with 4-speed transmission and 4-cyl. motor is "best buy". "It's run real well with no repairs except for general maintenance. Gets 35 mpg but might get better mileage with a 5-speed transmission."

**David Herod, Peculiar, Missouri:** "My best buy was in the late 70's when I purchased a Belarus 520 tractor with MFWD. Beyond any shadow of a doubt this tractor is one of the main reasons I'm still farming today. The purchase price was far below any other brand. It's designed to be easily serviced and overall servicing costs have been almost zero. Fuel economy is also good. I pull a 15 ft. wing disc, with 20-in. blades spaced 7-in apart, at 7 mph on 1 gph of fuel."

**Gary Koets, Ashkum, Illinois:** He names his International 5088 as "best buy". "It's easy to operate, quiet, comfortable and reliable. However, the sensitivity/accuracy of the 3-pt. hitch could be improved since only a little movement of the 'position control' lever results in a big movement of the hitch and makes it hard to 'fine-tune' plowing depth, especially on a two-way plow."

**Joe Phipps, Lenoir, North Carolina:** "The power steering pump on our 1984 Allis Chalmers 5050 went out in 10 hrs. The hydraulic system had a handful of metal shavings in it and the starter failed in 25 hrs. Dealer had to order a different brand because the original parts were no longer available. I

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On the plus side he likes his 1985 Husqvarna 50 chain saw. "Easy to start, large fuel capacity, very fast cutting and light to handle. I haven't had any troubles with it in 1 1/2 yrs. of use."

**James C. Boyer, Middletown, Maryland:** "My all-time best buys are a 1966 International 806 diesel tractor and a 1978 International 1460 combine. The 806 has over 8,000 hrs. on and has never had the valve cover or oil pan off. The 1460 is very reliable. It cut 400 acres of small grain last summer and I only had to tighten one chain."

**Steve Weisbrod, Canastota, N. York:** "Our Electro Magic Grime Buster hot water high pressure washer model 1000-2 has been a real labor-saver for normal equipment cleaning or for paint preparation. Wish we'd bought it ten years ago."

"Another best buy is our Magnavox Observation system. This is a closed

circuit television security system that scans up to four cameras. It's easy to install and its night-time view is much better than with the naked eye."

**Daniel Stoltzfus, Bird-In-Hand, Pennsylvania:** "Doesn't take long to cut a cord of wood with my Stihl 048 chain saw. After a professional logger sharpened the chain and taught me a few tips, it cut through oak with ease."

**Jim Fawcett, Zenon Park, Saskatchewan:** "With my 1985 Compu-spray 60-ft. Jetstream sprayer I can spray at low water volume--3 gal./acre at 8 to 10 mph--so I get my spraying done fast. And, by spraying at low water volume, I cut the rates of certain chemicals "om 25 to 67% with good results."

**Jay Burton, Claresholm, Alberta:** "My 1986 Deere 530 round baler works fantastic. I baled 2,000 bales with it this season and every one was perfect. No breakdowns and the Bale Trak monitor makes an even-size bale every time. Requires less power than previous round balers I've had. Bales are tight and

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"My worst buy is a 1982 New Holland 852 round baler. It made poor bales, cut the twine in short lengths, and the bales were loose and almost impossible to feed. Dealer and factory reps tried unsuccessfully to make it work for 3 years. I finally gave up."

**Ed Martens, Killarney, Manitoba:** He's disappointed with his Wil-Rich 29-ft. chisel plow. "The rockshaft broke twice. Almost every time we used it a shank holder would break. Shank breaking and bending was also a major problem."

"My best buy is a DCM-2 Senstek depth control system with ultrasonic sensors that I use on my air seeder. I just punch in what depth I want to seed at and the depth control system maintains the seed at that depth no matter how soil conditions vary. Also, the sensors never get in the way because they're not mounted any lower than the cultivator frame. It takes the guesswork out of seeding."

**L. Merrill, Grantsville, Maryland:** "He nominates his Sears Craftsman hand-grinders as "worst buy". "The gears went out on a 7-in. grinder. Then I bought a 10-in. grinder and the armature burned out before the first grinding disk wore out."

**Ralph Cottrell, Waterloo, New York:** "We're well-pleased with our Deutz 4506 tractor. It has 4,000 hrs and has performed real well. The machine is fuel efficient, handy and has lots of power for its size."

He's not as happy with his Last Perch sparrow trap. "I bought it a year ago. I've put it in 3 different locations and haven't caught a sparrow yet."

**Joe Kuntz, Yuma, Colorado:** "I do a lot of sales work and have put over 10,000 miles on my 1986 S-10 Chevrolet extended cab pickup in 3 months. Its ride and drive can't be beat. Haven't had a single problem in the 22,000 miles and I've enjoyed every mile."

**John Brown, Howick, Quebec:**

"My 1984 Dodge Ram 150 pickup provides good, dependable service and gets 18.5 to 19 mpg on a year round basis. This pickup has good steering, brakes, etc. The more I drive it, the better I like it."

"Another best buy is a White 508 plow I've had for 10 years. This plow easily handles tough trash and bad weather conditions. Requires minimum maintenance and even the parts are reasonably priced."

**Mark Hewitt, Stoddard, Wisconsin:** "I use my 1966 Simplicity garden tractor with hydro-lift to plow a large garden, disk, cultivate, mow lawn and plow snow. It still doesn't use oil. The snow blade also does a good job of levelling dirt and gravel."

**R. Frey, Phillipsburg, New Jersey:** "My best buys are all New Holland equipment, including balers, Haybines and choppers. They're all well-made. I hope the recent acquisition by Ford doesn't adversely affect their products."

"Chore Boy 'Quarter Flow' milker claws are both my best and worst buy. They're just as fast as Delaval but can't possibly back-flood due to a design like manifold headers on a racing engine. However, they're fitted with certain plastic parts that break easily and are only available by mail order."

**Danny Kitchen, Yorkton, Saskatchewan:** Shackle's Basic H is Danny's "best buy". "I'd heard about farmers who use this product to cut down on chemicals. I gave it a try last spring on wheat and reduced chemical use by 50%."

**Billy Wallace, Forbes, North Dakota:** "When I installed a Fish carburetor on my 454 cu. in. 3/4 ton 1976 4-WD pickup, gas mileage went from 8 to 13.5 mpg. I put another Fish carburetor on my 2.5 ton tandem truck with a 350 engine. Gas mileage went from 3 to 6 mpg but what really impressed me was the power increase. It was like someone had put in a 454 engine with lots of power," says Billy, who's now a Fish Carburetor dealer.

**William Williams, Hope Hull, Alabama:** "With my Kuhn rotary mower I can cut hay faster. And, unlike cutterbar mowers, it doesn't plug in wet fire-ant hills."

**G. William Niles, Seneca Castle, New York:** "My 4-WD 1985 Ford 6-cyl F-150 pickup is an oil hog. Takes a quart every 550 to 650 miles and gas mileage has never risen above 12.5 mpg. It's a fine riding truck, but these problems have never been resolved. At present I'm in the process of a lawsuit."

**Bernard Van Kooten, Long Island, Kansas:** "My best buy ever has to be my 1974 F-100 Ford 1/2-ton pickup. Equipped with a V-8 360 engine and automatic transmission, it now has over 268,000 miles. There's never been a wrench on the transmission or on the rear end and it still has the original spindle bolts and bushings. The front end has never had to be aligned or adjusted and the tires wear evenly."

**William White, Anabel, Missouri:** "Our 1978 International 1086 has been dependable. We like the big fuel tank on it which means fewer fill-ups. It'd be nice if it had a tilt steering wheel and a spin-on hydraulic filter."

**Gordon Van Alstine, Cherry Valley, New York:** He nominates his

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