

mower which I bought new is also best buy. In almost 30 years of mowing and shredding stalks I've replaced just 3 sets of belts and 3 sets of blades."

Robert Bromander, Ulen, Minn.: "I put **Co-op Country Squire A/P** radial tires on my 1969 Ford pickup. Now it drives like new and I get good traction."

John DeMull, Sand Lake, Mich.: "It's easy starting, has plenty of power, is economical to operate, and has a big, wide, comfortable cab. It's a pleasure to operate and service," says John, happy with his 7000 **Agri-Power 4-WD** diesel tractor sold by Wholesale America Inc.

Curtiss Berndt, Free Soil, Mich.: "There should be a law against a tractor being that noisy. I traded it in because I couldn't listen to that noise

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for the rest of my life," reports Curtiss unhappy with his 1982 **Deere 2640** tractor.

He likes his **Deere 2750**, though. "Nice tractor with convenient controls. Runs quiet, very fuel efficient, comfortable seat and has good visibility. I'm also pleased with my 1971 **International 826**. Excellent fuel economy."

Wallis Schuessler, Alpine, Ala.: Wallis names his 1984 **Apple IIC** computer as "best buy". "I use it for cattle production records, bookkeeping, inventory and word processing. I also like the **Appleworks** software."

Wes Dammann, Manning, Iowa: "**Basagran** weed spray is best buy. I had a velvet weed infestation in my soybeans so I tried 1 gal. on 10 acrs. I mixed 1 pint with 3 gal. of **NaChurs** liquid fertilizer per acre and had about 95% effectiveness. All weeds 4-in. or shorter were killed and those over 4-in. tall were stunned somewhat. There was no damage to the beans at all."

Norman G. Luebbe, Seward, Neb.: "A very poor way to cut weeds and grass. You have to put on hip waders to keep grass from slobbering all over your clothing and shoes. It's always running in dirt and debris," reports Norman about his "worst buy" **Homelite ST 100** string trimmer.

He likes his **Deere 4840** tractor with duals. "It had 2,100 hrs. when I bought it at a farm sale. Handles well under all conditions."

Larry Ahrensmeier, Baraboo, Wis.: "We're really pleased with it. Blows snow 50 ft. and doesn't plug up," says Larry, about his "best buy" 1985 **Red Devil** snowblower.

He's not as happy with his 1985 **Farmhand** grinder/sheller mill. "It's hard to grease because there are so many shields to unbolt. It also shears bolts if you put it in gear too fast."

Greg Bergkamp, Pretty Prairie, Kan.: "I wouldn't bale hay if I had to use any other machine than my 1983

Deere 530 round baler. This baler has baled just about everything under both the best and worst conditions. Performance and durability are great. I've baled more than 14,000 bales with it and one bale is as perfect as the next."

Nathan Smith, Cuttingsville, VT.: "I use it to cut brush. It goes everywhere. I also use it to pull firewood out of the woods. It's good on fuel and I like being able to switch in and out of four wheel drive with an electric switch," says Nathan about his "best buy" 1985 **Deere 2350** tractor.

Harold Wood, Sutter, Ill.: "I've used **Dixon** mowers several years and have always liked them. This model has an improved chain drive with spring tension, an improved parking brake, and a larger gas tank. I can mow over our 3 acres with lots of trimming much easier and faster than any other mower. I also get good dealer service," reports Harold pleased with his **Dixon ZTR 424** lawnmower.

Kenneth Goodman, Elkton, Kent.: "The twine rap and bale monitor on my 530 **Deere** round baler are the best I've ever seen. It's also easy to start bales," says Kenneth.

He's not pleased with his **Woods 315** batwing mower. "The frame isn't built strong enough. The wheels are fastened to 1/4-in. metal and break off every day of use."

Julian Upton, Windsor, Mo.: Julian nominates his 1985 **Ford Tempo** diesel car as "best buy". "We have 25,000 miles on it and the performance has been very good. Starts well in hot or cold weather. Fuel mileage is over 50 mpg. Overall construction seems to be very good."

Greg Evans, Concord, Virg.: "My 1986 **Deutz 6260** tractor is economical, has good power and the cab's well-designed."

He's not as happy with his **Deere 1450** tractor. "It's a good tractor, but when I went to trade it in, I found it had lost nearly half its value in less than 2 years. Some local **Deere** dealers didn't even want to trade. That's why I bought **Deutz**."

Jerry Wiford, Bellefontaine, Ohio: "My **Bandwagon 1,000 gal.** spray cart is very well-built. I use it to incorporate spray and nitrogen on corn acres. The ground-driven pump does an excellent job pumping and agitating."

"I also like my 1986 **Deere 4850**. The mechanical front-wheel drive lets me get more work done per gal. of fuel. Tractor has plenty of power and a good power shift."

Daniel Orluck, Makoti, N.Dak.: "It's computer-controlled by a wheel driven off a cultivator wheel. Very accurate no matter what the ground speed variation, even going up and down hills," reports Daniel, pleased with his 1986 **Beline** Computaire granular applicator mounted on a 27-ft. chisel plow.

Marlyn Hefti, Marshall, Minn.: "The building is well-engineered and built but I wasn't too impressed with the company. They kept pushing delivery and construction back. When construction was completed, there was no followup to see if I was

satisfied. Their main concern was to have the payment there when the building was completed," says Marlyn about his **Walters** machine storage building.

Worth Rankin Jr., Pleasantville, Iowa: He nominates his **Clean Machine** grain cleaner from **Custom Products** (P.O. Box 791, Litchfield, Minn. 55355 ph 612 693-3221) as "best buy". "The cleaner mounts on the auger, so there's no extra unit to move. It consists of a vibrating screen and a suction fan that pulls dust and bee wings out of the corn. Does a very good job, with no maintenance problems."

Stephen Kuchar, Meadow Grove, Neb.: "One day the steering wheel fell into my lap. With only a few miles on it the brakes kept locking up. I hit a bump and the entire front end went out of it and cost \$2,500 to fix. At 13,000 miles the transmission went out. At night, while driving the lights kept going out. Finally, with only 36,000 miles on it, the frame started buckling behind the cab," reports Stephen about his "worst buy" 1980 **Ford 150 4-WD Super** cab.

He also likes his 1984 **Deere 4450** with mechanical front-wheel drive. "It's very reliable. Have had absolutely no problems with it at all. I really like the power shift and the tractor that it offers."

Joe B. Thomas, Bloomingdale, Inc.: His "best buys" are a 1986 **Ford F250 4-WD** pickup with a 460 gas engine and a 1982 **Allis Chalmers 8010** tractor. "I use the truck for general farmwork, and I put a tri-axle gooseneck trailer behind it to haul grain and hogs. I've put 9,000 miles on it and it's been trouble-free. The tractor has 1,500 hrs. without a single problem."

Andrew Gustad, Volin, S. Dak.: "Nearly every time I work in the shop I find a use for it cutting rivets or bolts or sharpening something," says Andrew about his "best buy" 4-in. **Makita** hand-grinder.

Leroy Proper, Clarence, Mo.: "A new house bought from **A Home of Your Own**, Wells, Minn. is our best buy. It's a fine company from the salesmen to the delivery truckers and especially the carpenters."

Leroy's not as happy with **Du Pont's** Canopy herbicide. "It's made

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for broadleaf control in soybeans. I incorporated 8 oz as recommended. So far it's controlling the weeds, but it almost killed 120 acres of soybeans. They've been severely stunted. A **Du Pont** rep who called once said I was the only person having a problem with Canopy."

Leroy W. Shirk, Narvon, Penn.: "My 1983 **Deere 2950** has plenty of power, good lugging ability and very good fuel economy. I can start it at

5°F without using a block heater or starting fluid. I really like the synchronized transmission with the hydraulic high/low ranges.

"My 1984 **Gehl 750** forage harvester with a 2-row head is also best buy. It has lots of capacity and is built heavy. I like the all-electric controls and the in-head hydraulic knife sharpener."

As worst buys he cites, "Shop tools made in Taiwan, including an 8-in. 3/4 hp. bench grinder, 12-ton hydraulic jack, and pneumatic sand blaster purchased from **Northern Hydraulics**. The grinder has poor power, overheats and smokes easily. The hydraulic jack leaks oil at the base. After using it only about a dozen times it's at 1/4 capacity. The sandblaster does a poor job. Restricts airflow to about 1/2 of the air compressor's output."

William Schuening, Pendleton, Ore.: As "best buy" he names his 1985 **Yamaha 4-wheeler**. "I like the 4-wheeler because it makes it easy to get around on summer fallow ground and works great for spot-spraying and burning weeds in ditches."

Paul Bates, Condon, Ore.: "**Comfab** software for my **TRS-80** computer is best buy. It's increased my book-keeping efficiency, and helped keep track of production and equipment loans. Real simple to run.

"I also like **Crary** air reels that use air jets to push the crop into the header. I've installed them on **International 1440** and **Harris 908** combines. They work good and save more grain than conventional reels."

Robert Patterson, Danville, Penn.: "On April 30, 1985 I purchased a new **International 684** row crop tractor. It spent 53 out of 99 days in the shop in less than 100 hrs. of work. I was without this tractor throughout the entire harvest season and had to depend on only one tractor to prepare and harvest 125 acres of crops."

He's had better luck with his 1979 **Ford F150** pickup. "I'm satisfied with it. That's why I'm still driving it. Has had few problems."

Darrell Rice, Hartford City, Ind.: "We bought a new 1979 **Chevy Impala** station wagon in 1979. When the paint came off we could see there was no primer underneath. That didn't bother the engine, though. It now has 123,000 miles on it and use just 1 pint of oil every 1,300 miles."

Roger Walters, Trempealeau, Wis.: "I'm \$159.95 wiser now. I ordered this 30 amp battery charger from **LaGrange Equipment Co.** over a year ago and have yet to receive it. I've tried many times to get the charger, or my money, back from the company but only get the run-around."

As "best buy" he lists his 1986 **Isuzu** diesel pickup with a 2.2 liter engine and 5-speed transmission. "I've had this pickup one year and have averaged better than 40 mpg. I haven't had one thing go wrong with it and would recommend it to anyone."

Emery Gehring, Waseca, Minn.: "Works so smooth and effortlessly,

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