

BUYING TIPS YOU CAN USE

Randomly selected farmers "tell it like it is" in nominating their "best" and "worst" buys.

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Farmers Nominate Best, Worst Buys

OPINION

Charles Kubesh, Buffalo Lake, Minn.: "The hydraulic drive works great and quality of feed produced is excellent. But the rest of the mill is crudely designed," says Charles of his **Lorenz** grinder-mixer. "It dribbles out feed through several gaps while unloading or filling the mill. The brake on the infeed auger is a real knuckle-buster. The worst part of the mill is the unloading auger with its folding extension which folds over the top instead of the side like most other brands. There's no flange on the hinge joint, causing feed to pour out the crack while unloading. Also, the extra weight of the extension makes the auger too heavy for the brake to hold it."

"The mixer is equipped with a **Weigh-Tronix** digital scale which works great but I had to send it to be repaired twice. The first time it took two months to get it back and one month the second time."

As "best buy" Charles nominates his **Lester's Insul-Wall** farrowing barn. "Well insulated, rodent-proof, and quality workmanship. This company stands behind their warranty. My father also had good results with a machine shed purchased from Lester's."

it for \$25 and it hasn't given me any trouble since."

Boyd Smith, Alliance, Alb.: "I rate my 1983 **GMC Sierra Classic** with a 6.2 liter diesel engine as best buy. I have 50,000 km on it and has never been in for repairs. I get 27 mpg with no load and 19 mpg with an 8-ft. camper. Has plenty of power and starts well in winter."

Paul Reinhardt, Okeana, Ohio: "The plows wouldn't plow cornstalks without first Bushhogging and disking the field," says Paul about his "worst buy" **Deere 1450** plows.

He nominates his 1974 1066 **International** tractor as best buy. "It handles nice, has plenty of power and is a real pleasure to drive."

G.S. Town, Vermette, Man.: "Our **World Tech** satellite dish allows us to use the TV more and gives us more channels to choose from. It did need painting though because it's a gold-spun aluminum dish and heat built up quite a bit."

Jon Christian, Duncan, Okl.: He's happy with his **Motorola** 2-way fm radios. "Our radios are used with a repeater which enables them to have a 50-mile radius from the repeater. They have an excellent range and save many miles and hours. They also make things run much smoother around the farm when unexpected breakdowns and problems arise."

Thomas S. Grilliot, Hutchinson, Kan.: "I used to replace guards every 1,500 acres. Now, with this sickle drive and new heavy-duty guards, I can cut over 2800 acres with just two new sickles and one set of guards," says Thomas about his "best buy" **Farrar "Over Register"** sickle drive installed on his 6600 self-propelled swather.

Tom Helzer, Sweet, Idaho: "Although my **Deere 225** offset disk-harrow pulls hard, it really cuts through the stubble and leaves a good seedbed. It saves me a lot of field work because I don't plow anymore."

William Michael Jr., Billings, Mont.: "Our 1460 **International** Axial Flow combine is our best buy. Has tremendous capacity and functions very well."

Jack Fernau, Silex, Mo.: "This is the best fence-row and embankment cleaning tool money can buy. With the various cutting blades available, it can cut any kind of grass, weeds and brush with ease. To date, I've put 30 gal. of fuel mix through this unit and that's a lot of running for a 32 cc engine. No breakdowns and all I've had to do so far is adjust the spark plug once," says Jack, happy with his **Stihl FS-90 AVE** brush-cutter and trimmer.

Albert Villard, Craig, Col.: "We purchased it with a 292 engine and are really disappointed in the power and fuel mileage. We often pull a trailer and could use more power. Our other pickup with a 350 engine gets better fuel mileage," reports **Albert**, unhappy with his 1984 **GMC** ¾-ton 4-WD pickup.

John Rausch, Winamac, Ind.: "I was so disgusted I threw them in the junk," says John, upset with his **Acra-Plant** V-ripper points for his

Evelyn Gaewski, Pineville, Mo.: "After six months it stopped working. I sent it to be fixed. After waiting two months, it was sent back still not working. I also wrote to the company but never got a reply. It's now sitting in my closet collecting dust," reports Evelyn about her "worst buy" **General Electric** food processor.

Joyce Miller, Independence, Kan.: A **Landoll** 10-ft. chisel plow is his "best buy". "It has three rows of shanks, high clearance, and double springs for protection on each shank. When one hits something solid it releases before you know you hit it. It has a tongue which can be removed for 3-pt. operation."

Robert Thomsen, Jackson, Miss.: "My best purchase has been a **Solo** hand pump garden sprayer. It allows me ease of operation since it's back-mounted and frees both hands. Its 10 liter capacity is sufficient for my small orchard. I haven't had any troubles due to its high quality, and my practice of always cleaning the sprayer after each use and never leaving it under pressure when not in use."

Ken Oren, Selden, Kan.: "I bought an **XL-10 Homelite** chainsaw. Something was always wrong with it. I sold