

because it's so comfortable to operate. It's one-third easier on fuel than our Allis Chalmers 7060 and International 1066 working the same land and pulling equipment that's twice as wide," reports Don, happy with his "best buy" 8070 Allis Chalmers tractor with front-wheel assist.

Robert Viktora, Hot Springs, S. Dak.: "This truck's had numerous problems with the electrical system affecting light switches, cruise control, and the fuel and temperature gauges. It also had a defective door hinge and spring. The vacuum pumps for the vacuum system failed at approximately 26,000 miles. On the plus side it does have a good engine, and drive train. We also like the cab and load capacity," says Robert about his 1983 ¾-ton Ford F-250 diesel pickup.

Jess Gifford Jr., Lovell, Wyo.: "Our Deere 230 stack mover and feeder cuts feeding time by two-thirds and we don't have to maintain a hay baler or buy all that twine anymore."

Robert Prior, Indian Head, Sask.: "After 50,000 miles I haven't even replaced a spark plug," says Robert about his "best buy" 1980 Ford 150. "There have been some minor problems. The oil filter is hard to change and the accelerator linkage tends to freeze in cold, snowy weather, but I'm quite satisfied."

Clyde J. Cole, Hurdland, Mo.: "Our Universal ½-hp water pump was one of our worst purchases. The plastic impeller, and other inside plastic parts, were always warping or breaking."

John M. Hall, Hereford, Tex.: "I've plowed 51,270 acres with my 1980 80-ft. Friggstad chisel plow and have never had a breakdown," says John, pleased with his "best buy". "It has a floating wing design that allows it to maintain uniform depth control on rough terrain. The Friggstad chisel plow is the best-built and designed farm machine I've ever owned. It's beefed up enough to allow me to pull two 40-ft. CrustBuster wheat drills behind it, enabling me to plow and plant in one trip."

L.A. Daily, Norman, Okla.: "I recently bought a new Hesston 666 62-hp. tractor and it's been fine. The only problem I've had is with the hydraulic couplers which are out of the way and hard to hook up. I replaced them with a set removed from a 4010 John Deere and they work real well. My implements were already equipped with Deere fittings."

William V. Dunn, Purdum, Neb.: William lists his 6080 Allis Chalmers tractor as both "best" and "worst" buy. "It has a suitable gear for every job. The cab is quiet and comfortable and fuel use isn't excessive. On heavy pulls the front-wheel assist really works well. Pto clutch engages smoothly and hydraulics seem adequate."

"However, a bolt broke on the pto and it required a major repair job to replace it. Later, after nearly a season of use, the transmission wouldn't shift into low or mid-range. The dealer found a faulty crankshaft throat bearing."

Bob Baxter, Coalgate, Okla.: "Because of its high rpm's, this saw per-

forms like a much bigger and heavier saw. It's lightweight, almost vibration-free, and is very comfortable to use," says Bob, happy with his Husqvarna 44 chain saw.

Gordon Larson, Galesville, Wis.: "Starting this saw was a problem. The pull cord pulled out alright but the saw wouldn't start. Got rid of it for a Stihl 041 Farm Boss which hasn't given any trouble," says Gordon about his "worst buy" Homelite 150 chainsaw.

He's had good luck with his Deere 4240 tractor. "It's a pleasure to operate. I like the Sound Gard cab and tractor seat. I use the tractor every day of the year and the only problem I have is that it's hard to connect hydraulic hoses. Our dealer corrected the problem with a different set of "O" rings in the inlets."

Andy Maclean, Staffa, Ontario: He's upset with his 1978 Dodge 4-WD pickup. "The body started to rust after just two years and now it's com-

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pletely falling to pieces. When people wave at me I don't know whether they're being friendly or just trying to protect themselves. It has so many holes in the body it looks like a car Al Capone just machine-gunned. The truck also gets poor gas mileage."

Allen Brokaw, Cardington, Ohio: "My Black and Decker 4½-in. disc grinder is versatile and easy to handle. Its plastic body stands up to tough abuse very well. Has ample power for its size."

Edward Ste. Marie, Vawn, Sask.: He's pleased with his Deutz 10006 and DX 160 4-wheel drive tractors. "Deutz makes a good machine and our dealer is excellent."

Kelly Snider, Denton, N.D.: My New Holland 256 Rolobar hayrake does a great job. Gets every leaf and stem, leaving fields clean. Makes a neat windrow even at speeds up to 10 mph."

John F. Jones, West Edmeston, N.Y.: He's happy with the add-on mechanical front-wheel drive he installed on his 966 International tractor. It's made by Elwood Mfg. Co., 105 S. St. Louis St., Elwood, Ill. 60421. "The Elwood is a rugged unit and a must for tractors with big buckets. It's also great in tillage work and for maneuvering in mud or snow."

"Our worst buy is our New Berlin wood-burning furnace that's designed to handle wood up to 42 in. long. Everytime you load it the cellar fills with smoke because the stove pipe exit is below the top of the door. It also lacks space for cold air intakes and the firebox is too light."

Delmar Mumma, Alamota, Kan.:

"The gears are about right for my kind of farming, the shift on-the-go is great and the hydraulic system can't be beat. It rides and drives the best of any tractor I know and the cab is quiet and dust-free," says Delmar about his "best buy" Deere 4440 tractor.

Delmar's also pleased with his 1984 Ford ½-ton Explorer pickup. "Starts great, rides great and the gas mileage is good."

Richard Schmitt, Watkins, Minn.: "It's easily maneuverable around trees and is a real time saver, requiring hardly any maintenance. I've owned one and been a dealer for seven years," says Richard, who likes his Yazoo 60-in. front-deck lawn mower.

Terry Cording, Chesapeake, Virg.: "It runs rough, the string feed-out is bad, and it's had ignition problems. Also, the price is too high," reports Terry about his "worst buy" Deere 683 gas string weeder.

He nominates his Dixon lawn mower as "best buy". "It's got no transmission or steering wheel and has lots of power for its 42-in. cut because it takes less horsepower to pull itself."

George Miller, Manning, N. Dak.: "My worst buy has to be my 35-ft. Morris chisel plow. My son and I each bought one. My son got rid of his in two years and I got rid of mine after three miserable years. I only broke one of the shanks, which were guaranteed for five years, but my son broke 13. All the shanks were bent back anywhere from 6 to 12 in. When you put shovels on, they either run too deep or stay on the surface. The trips trip too easily — if the wheel drops in a washout, the shank trips and catches a mouthful of dirt so you have to take a come-along to pull it back and scrape the dirt out with a screwdriver. This happens three or four times a round. The hydraulic system is also a problem. The pipes stick out and are easily broken off. The frame isn't strong enough and I keep tearing the hitch off. I couldn't go half a day without a breakdown."

George and his son also had problems with his Morris 40-ft. drill. "The transport isn't designed right and the hitches aren't strong enough. The frame and the shaft that holds the wheels broke off. We should have finished seeding in five days but it took us three weeks."

Clarence Vanden Ham, Brandon, Man.: "We used our New Holland 499 12-ft. mower-conditioner to cut close to 1,000 acres of alfalfa last year. After using three different New Holland 495's in the past 10 years, we feel this model is a real blend of the 495's cutting capacity and the maneuverability of the swingers. Really appreciate the lightweight cutterbar and the smoothness of hydraulic drive."

"Our New Holland 359 Mix Mill is also a nomination for best buy. The 1,500-bu. capacity and 1,000-rpm drive give it a definite advantage over the 358 we had before. We can still power the 359 with our 986 International tractor, feeding the mill as fast as the bale feeder can go."

Emerald Busse, Garden Prairie, Ill.: "My worst buy ever was a White

Yard Boss GT 1622 garden tractor with mower disc and blade. It does a poor job of mowing and, after a few hours use, a bearing and belt went out costing me \$220 to fix. The blade brackets are only 2 in. off the ground and drag up all kinds of debris. Most parts on this tractor are nearly impossible to get at for repairs."

Murray Budd, Ingersoll, Ont.: "One of our best buys is FARM SHOW. Always stop whatever I'm doing and read it cover to cover when it comes."

"Another best buy is our new Deere 1219 mower-conditioner. We've had no problems at all and it practically floats over the ground. Well-balanced and conditions alfalfa much better than our old machine."

Murray also nominates his 4230 Deere tractor as best buy. "I bought it used in 1973 with about 6,000 hours on it. The only maintenance it's required since is a new water pump and a set of tires."

"It would also be hard to do without our B7100 4WD Kubota with front pto, that we use to pump water when spraying, and a 3-speed rear pto. On the negative side, however, the mower attachment has been a headache. Too many belt and bearing troubles."

Liz Brooks, Monroe, Ore.: "Our Terra System computer program by Datasphere includes payroll, general ledger, accounts payable and enterprise analysis providing us with up-to-the-minute financial information. At the end of the year, we were able to update our income and expenses quickly for year-end tax planning. Payroll program is especially handy and fast."

Wilbur Black, Plum City, Wis.: "Young stock as well as cows really respect our fences since we installed two Gallagher electric fences. They provide a real kick on long fences even through weeds and wet grass," reports Wilbur, pleased with his "best buy".

Ron Heberling, Overbrook, Kan.: "Worst product we ever owned. We had it less than two years and had over \$3,000 in repairs. Injector pump, injectors, over/under drive unit, water pump and alternator are just a

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few things that went wrong," reports Ron, unhappy with his 2255 Oliver.

However his "best buy" ever is his 720 Oliver. "We use it everyday for chores, cultivating, planting and haying. It's never had the head or pan off, and we've replaced only one clutch. Just needs regular maintenance."

Kent Appleton, Indian Head, Sask.: "We've had no end of trouble with our worst buy, a 1983 Chevrolet ½-ton Silverado with a 6.2 liter diesel engine. The truck burns more fuel than the dealer said it would, it's short of power, the cab has lots of

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