

"best buy" model 460 **Stripper**, manufactured in Dundee, N.Y."

Bernard Ruffing, Hilbert, Wis.: "We can pull a 6-bottom, 18-in. plow through unbelievable mud with our **Deere 4650 tractor** with MFWD. The 15-speed powershift transmission is the best I've ever driven and is a pleasure to drive. Fuel economy is good and we're well satisfied."

Artie Luick, Fairmount, N. Dak.: Artie likes his **Steiger 1360 Panther**. "It has great pulling power, so you can throttle down and back up loaded. I like the 12-speed power shift and good lights for working after dark."

Dave Akerberg, New Lisbon, Wis.: "My 'best buy' ever is an 806 **International** that I bought new in 1969. It has almost 8,000 hours on it and has never been overhauled. Another good buy is my **International 2 + 2 3588 tractor**. It's easy on fuel, has plenty of power, lots of traction and a comfortable cab. My wife and son like it too."

"Another good purchase was a 1983 **Chevy K-30, 4-WD diesel** pickup. I've only replaced 3 glow plugs. It's a real workhorse. Gets 22 mpg on the highway and 17-18 mpg pulling 350 bu. wagons."

Dave nominates his model LD **Liquid Brush** power washer (550 lbs. pressure) as his worst buy. "It will not prime properly and the hoses won't stay on the wand or the washer. The pressure pops them off. The soap holder cracked and broke and the trigger sticks on. Recently, I read where there's an electrical hazard. We still haven't had anyone contact us as to where we get the kit to remedy this."

Dick Kaptein, Gardenton, Man.: "I cut 100 acres of sorghum sudan grass 8 to 10-ft. tall without any trouble. I'm very pleased with the job it did," says Dick about his **New Holland 988 Haybine**.

Gerald Schlereth, Jetmore, Kan.: "I just finished having a **Wick building** erected. It's square and level. It cost less than competitors' and is built of good quality lumber and sheet metal."

Gerald also lists his **Deere 510 round baler** as a best buy. "It's easy to start the bale and it makes good, solid bales. It's also simple to work on."

Robert R. Rimmey, Millheim, Penn.: "Our worst buy was a **General Electric electric stove** with microwave, purchased in Oct. 1979. We assumed it was a 1979 model. After we started having trouble, we found 1975 was stamped on the name plate. Every little bit, something burns out. General Electric covered what was under warranty. Our cost has been around \$250 and we're still having trouble. While it was still under warranty, they told us they had an exchange program for this model. We were to pay \$600 more. Some exchange program."

Robert nominates his **PW-3 Jenny** pressure washer as best buy. "It didn't have an instruction manual with it so I wrote to the company. In just a few days they sent me one. This appears to be a company interested in quality."

Victor Koop, Dundurn, Sask.: He's

pleased with his **International SP 4000 swather**. "We've used this machine for three seasons cutting hay with the hay header, then changing to the grain header and swathing grain. No breakdowns and it handles well. Vision is also good."

Terry Fischer, Glen Ullin, N. Dak.: "I know one thing — if we ever buy another combine, it will be a **Deere**. Our pull-type 6601 Deere has covered 10,000 acres and we've only had to replace a couple of bearings besides putting in new cylinder bars, feeder chain and picker belts. In the last couple of years, we haven't had any breakdowns or plugging problems."

"All the rest of our 'best buys' are also **Deere** equipment. We have a 4440 tractor that's been super. It has 2,900 hours on it and the engine's never been touched other than a tune up last fall. It has plenty of power, is quiet and hardly uses any fuel. We're also happy with our 4240 tractor and our 9000 series grain drills. Plus, we think our 2320 swather is really state-of-the-art technology. We especially like the floating header and the large and roomy cab. In 1,500 acres, we never had a breakdown. Although the Chrysler engine leaked oil for awhile, they were able to fix it."

Tommie Wages, Abernathy, Tex.: "By far the cheapest tool I've ever bought is an X-O **Kleen Gun**, from **Jones Enterprises**, Drawer N, Colby, Kan. 67701. It's a flexible exhaust ex-

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tension designed for use on tractor and combine diesel engines to furnish a large continuous blast of portable air. It's designed to create low engine back pressure while furnishing about 50 times the air volume of a standard size air compressor. My **Kleen Gun** is 9 years old and shows no signs of wear. I've done absolutely no maintenance or replacement of parts on it. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend it to anyone who needs portability, volume and durability all wrapped up in one tool for dry blowing or liquid cleaning.

"Another best buy is our **International Cyclo** air planter. Since buying it new 11 years ago we've spent less than \$100 on maintenance and repairs. We've averaged planting 1,200 acres per year with it and have not had more than 15 or 20 blank rows in the entire time."

"I also nominate **FARM SHOW** as a best buy for anyone interested in new or innovative products to solve agricultural problems."

Marvin Lawrason, Czar, Alb.: He lists his **Boss front-end loader** as a "worst buy". "The entire bucket and grapple fork set-up is improperly designed. The back of the loader bucket broke out within 2 days of use. The grapple fork is so designed that it breaks the rams. When approached about the warranty, the manufacturer

completely ignored our many requests. Prior to the **Boss**, we owned a **Deere 148 loader** and never had a problem with it in 8 years of use."

"We're pleased with the overall performance our pto-driven **Degelman rock picker**. It replaced a hydraulic rock picker, which was hard on tractor hydraulics, and is superior to the ground-driven machine we had before."

Harold Ehler, Holyrood, Kan.: He's happy with his **Winco 5300 watt power plant**. "I bought it for use during power outages from ice storms and etc. It's easy starting and very dependable."

As his "worst buy," Harold nominates his **Holley Economaster carburetor**. "This so-called economy carburetor delivers poor mileage, is hard starting, and always floods out. I've had it worked on twice in 15,000 miles. It was installed on a 1974 **Ford F100 pickup**."

Dale Bunge, Spring Grove, Minn.: "This loader is tops. Its 42 hp. Perkins diesel engine starts even when it's 25° below. This loader may cost more than others but it has guts and is worth every penny because it works, and works, and works," says Dale, pleased with his "best buy" **New Holland L555 skid steer loader**.

He's not as happy with his 100 bu. **New Holland mixer mill**. "The mill itself seemed to be excellent but the unloading auger wouldn't lower low enough to be used in our operation. The weight of the mill seemed to shift to the front when unloading which, in turn, raised the unloading auger about 8 in. Fortunately, the dealer allowed us to switch over to a 817 **Farmhand** which we're very happy with."

John Gaynor, Rock Creek, Ohio: "My **Massey Ferguson 725 Haytender** mower-conditioner is best buy. It operates as described and cuts hay of any kind at any height in a windrow or swath. Easy to handle and works great."

Clifford Osthus, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.: "It's handy for planting around low spots, such as the wet conditions we had last spring. It's easy to get around with and folds up for transport," says Clifford about his "best buy" 7100 **Deere Max-Emerge** corn planter.

Larry Westphal, State Center, Iowa: "My **Deutz 13006** that I bought a few years ago is by far my best buy. After 3,000 hrs., the tractor still has the original German tires and they still have more tread than a new tire of U.S. make. The tractor has excellent fuel economy and is easy to operate and maintain."

"I've had nothing but problems of both a major and minor nature with a used 7030 **Allis Chalmers tractor** I bought last year. The hydraulic drive pumps went out with less than 20 hours of work. I have constant problems with the control linkage and it has high fuel consumption."

Jerry Hasnedl, St. Hilaire, Minn.: "I feel I've received my best return for dollar of investment from my **Honda Big Red** three-wheeler. It starts well even in cold weather and has good power. I pull a 55 gal. homemade flotation sprayer with it. It's fuel effi-

cient and virtually maintenance-free."

Jerry has mixed feelings about his 1982 **Plymouth Horizon**. "The finish on this car was extremely poor. Parts were improperly factory installed, and plastic parts cracked. The dealer did all that could be expected. The engine and drive train have performed reasonably well and mileage has been very good, averaging 34 mpg."

Dennis Barga, Headingly, Man.: "My **Valmar granular airflow applicator** is extremely accurate and trouble free. It's well-engineered and manufactured. I'm also happy with my **Deere 4250** with MFWD. It has excellent power and I like the power shift. The tractor is a pleasure to operate and dealer service has been excellent."

Robert Ego, Coldwater, Ont.: "Why didn't they think of it years ago? I like my **Deere Hydra Push** manure spreader because you can load it up and not have to worry about apron chains. The unloading rate is easy to control and the spreader cleans itself out on the return cycle. I also like my **Gallagher power fence**. I've only used it one season but I'm really pleased. It's easy to put up and keeps livestock in and dogs out."

David Dougherty, Pylesville, Md.: "Our best buys include our **Deere 4320 tractor** and **Deere 6600 sidehill combine** with 404 turbo-charged engines. No problems at all!"

"Our biggest headache has been **General Electric 10 hp. motors** on our **Sukup centrifugal grain drying fans**. These motors had bearing problems and a wide variety of governor breakdowns. I will never buy a **General Electric motor** again. The company was no help."

Jeff Trosen, Larimore, N. Dak.: "It is my first **Ford** and I'm glad I bought it," says Jeff pleased with his 1983 **Ford 4X4 250 diesel pickup**. "The truck is tough, durable, well-designed, gets great mileage and has plenty of power. It's the best riding pickup I've ever had."

Melvin Fried, Vegreville, Alb.: "This engine series is the worst Mas-

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sey could have chosen," says Melvin upset with the **Cummins VT903 engine** in his **Massey Ferguson 4900 tractor**. "First off, it starts very poorly. When started, it smokes a huge blue cloud whether it's hot or cold. We were convinced it was short on power right from the factory — but try to tell a big company like **Cummins** that their boys and their computers goofed. Forget it. After countless discussions with **Cummins** people, we found that all **Massey-Cummins engines** are set to minimum horsepower specifications. If you get 305 hp. from

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