

ter if they had used other equipment on the rear."

**William Northrup, Waverly, Iowa:** "This is the only piece of equipment I've purchased in the last 6 to 8 years that didn't have to be modified. It cuts faster, the head floats easier and, best of all, the conditioner works 100% better than the model it replaced," says William, pleased with his **New Holland 114** pivot-tongue windrower.

**Wendell Hoffman, Bingham, Ill.:** "Everyone with surface drainage problems should have one of these ditchers," says Wendell, pleased with his **Amco** field ditcher, made in Yazoo City, Miss.

He's also pleased with his Aladin hot water washer made by **Capco Products**, Monona, Iowa. "It has 1,500 psi and heats water to 200°. It weighs 350 to 400 lbs. but is very mobile. We had a cold water washer before with 1,000 psi but with this new Aladin, we can wash our farrowing house, combine, tractors, etc., in about half the time. Virtually trouble-free."

**George K. Johnson, Iron River, Mich.:** "It's the first time I ever had positive and complete containment of beef cattle on pasture with an electric fence," says George about his "best buy" power fence energizer from **Gallagher-Snell Systems**.

**Kevin Shelman, Hillsboro, Iowa:** He lists his **Deere** Max Emerge 7000 planter and his **M & W** conservation rotary hoe as "best buys". "After using the planter for two years and the only problem has been one bad seed sensor, we're satisfied. Dealer service is excellent. The rotary hoe, used in conventional, minimum and no-till ground, has worked beyond our expectations."

**John Strauss, Lexington, Neb.:** John nominates his **Kinze** 600 HD grain cart as "best buy". "The company made a special axle to straddle four 36-in. rows so we wouldn't destroy our old ridge. We have run it for three years with no breakdowns and little wear is shown. The 24.5 by 32 tires give good flotation in muddy fields. It unloads fast, the auger folds with no bolts to remove for road movement and overall, it's the best machine I've ever purchased."

**Earl Penner, Kola, Man.:** Earl's "Kellivator", which he first read about in **FARM SHOW** and bought from **Kelly Industries**, P.O. Box 144, Cupor, Sask., is his "best buy". "It's a chisel plow with floating sections that really follow the contour of the ground. It stands up well under adverse conditions. Works in rocky conditions, has extremely good trash clearance, and is an all around quality machine. The company now is making an air seeder to mount on the Kellivator."

**Terry W. Brown, Cantrail, Ill.:** Terry names his **Allis Chalmers** 7060 tractor equipped with **Armstrong** tires as his "worst buy". "In less than 50 hours of use, one tire blew out pulling a cultivator. The company finally replaced it but not at full expense. With just over 500 hours, all four rear tires are coming apart at the

lugs. They also ride very rough. The company won't do anything.

"Our **International** 700 plow is our best buy," continues Terry. "It's very easy to pull, has plenty of clearance for heavy cornstalks and turns the dirt completely over rather than on its side like some other plows. The hitch is reversible for on-land or in-furrow operation. I'd definitely buy another one."

**John Dyck, Roseisle, Man.:** John's happy with his 8820 **Deere** combine with an 8-row head. "It's harvested about 1,000 acres in cereal grain and 2,500 acres of corn with virtually no trouble. Just do your daily maintenance and you're okay."

**Harvey F. Niemeyer, Williamsburg, Mo.:** "This machine does a fine job cutting grass. Well-built and, after a year and a half, we've had no problems," says Harvey about his 1982 **Deere 111** tractor and mower.

**Chris Gebel, New Hampton, Iowa:** "He likes his 1983 **Kawasaki** 3-wheeler. "It's well-built, requires little maintenance and dealer service is excellent. Makes checking fence or herding cows more fun."

**Dan Buerkle, Plevna, Mont.:** "My **International** 4386 4-WD tractor is a prime candidate for a worst buy," says Dan. "The replacement list, at 1,400 hrs., reads as follows: radio, batteries, starter, two axle seals, transfer case seal, oil pressure safety switch sending unit, ether injection line, radiator overflow tank, electronic tachometer module, water pump, throttle cable, alternator, air conditioner compressor, and various other air-conditioning parts. We have learned to live with light housings that rattle, a poorly functioning mechanical decelerator, electronic controls that read incorrectly in high humidity, welds that keep cracking, and a malfunctioning parking brake,

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radiator, and front differential oil sending unit. We also own an **International** 4100 tractor with 5,400 hrs. and a 1206 with 7,600 hrs., and a 706 with 8,300 hrs. All have been properly maintained and have given good service, but if this is the quality of the new IH tractors, we won't buy another.

"Another worst buy is the dye marker kit that came with our **Century** sprayer. Although the sprayer itself is well-built, the dye marker kit is very unsatisfactory. The dye is too expensive, does not go far enough and is not a bright enough color to be seen at any distance."

On the "best buy" side, Dan likes his **International** 7100 hoe drill and end-wise transport system. "We like the penetrating weight and good overall design of the drills. Except for inaccurate seed metering calibration and the inevitable new machine debugging process, they have given good service and do a good job."

**Robert Bitzan, Evansville, Minn.:** "With the exception of the clutch fingers wearing out, this tractor has been trouble-free. Equipped with a 260 loader, it's the most useful piece of equipment a dairy or general farmer could have," says Robert about his **Deere 2940 4-WD** tractor.

**John M. Egeland, Fisher, Minn.:** He's had good luck with his **Alloway** "RTS Crumbler" cultivator. It leaves a very firm seedbed and the manufacturer stood behind the product. They had assembled it with the wrong bushings in the tandem wheels but they sent two men out and replaced everything I wanted with no questions asked."

**William Shewchuk, Mac Nutt, Sask.:** "On the negative side, we're displeased with our **Massey Ferguson**

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son 205 manure spreader. This is one implement that is simply built too light throughout for its intended purpose. One day of use is guaranteed to result in down time and repair work."

William's "best buy" is his **Bourgault** dual purpose vibra-master cultivator. "It's everything it's advertised to be and more. The cultivator is designed so that it can normally replace both the chisel plow and field cultivator. It has four rows of shanks with 8-in. shank spacing, giving us excellent trash clearance and weed control. A tough and durable shank assembly gives us maintenance-free operation and good penetration. We use it for both primary and secondary field operations. This is one tough implement."

**Marvin R. Patterson, Shelbyville, Ky.:** "I've saved thousands of dollars with the help of this torch," says Marvin, happy with his **Eutalloy** torch made by **Eutectic Corp.**, 440 172nd. St., Flushing, N.Y. 14358. "The torch is designed to work with the company's special metal alloy powders to build up worn metal parts. You can put on as little as one thousandth inch, or several inches. I use it to build up used **Harvestore** unloader chains, sprockets, camshafts, crankshafts, motor blocks that have spun a bearing, and for many other worn parts that would otherwise have to be replaced. You just order the metal powder that's compatible with the part you're working on. It works great. The torch works with oxygen and acetylene equipment. This company's welding products are the best I've ever used."

**Richard P. Cochran, Ladora, Iowa:** He's unhappy with his **Kelly-Ryan** silage mixer wagon. "It pulls hard, the sheet metal wore through in less than two years, the augers are too light and, within the first two months of use, the two big augers bent so bad they wouldn't turn. The drive line twisted off. The dealer promises to fix it but never shows up."

On the positive side, Richard's pleased with his **Deere 4640** and **4440** tractors. "When the tractors were delivered from the dealer, they had been thoroughly checked out and they haven't been back to the dealer since—after more than 3,000 hrs. use on each tractor. Power is more than sufficient."

**Albert Chlan, Sr., Webster, Minn.:** "In my 40 years of milking, this is the best equipment I've ever had," says Albert about his "best buy" **Westfalia** Systemat pipeline milker units. "We bought them last year and have found they really take the work out of milking cows. One person can easily handle three units. The feature I like best about them is that they have a blinking red light to let you know when the cow is stripping the last 15 seconds of milk. The light stays on when she's done. It eliminates guess work."

**Clarence R. Jacobson, Redwood Falls, Minn.:** "We bought it four years ago and we haven't had a tractor dual loosen up since," says Clarence, pleased with his **Makita** 3/4-in. electric impact wrench.

**Erling Swiggum, Dodgeville, Wis.:** "My best recent buy is **Deth Bait** made by **Unik Products Co.** in Gilbert, Wis. It contains an anticoagulant called warfarin. I've used **D-Con** but it didn't control rats. After I started using **Deth Bait**, I started finding dead rats all over the place. I use handy **D-Con** boxes to hold the **Deth Bait**."

**Harold J. Sidford, Busby, Alberta:** "My best buy ever is a **Massey Harris** 22 gas tractor. Bought new in 1952, this tractor is still in service as a chore tractor. For 12 years it was the sole power unit on our 1/2 section farm. This tractor has never been overhauled. Other than points, spark plugs and tires, everything is original. This tractor has never let me down.

"My second all-time best buy is a **Cockshutt** side delivery rake bought new in May 1960. It's still in use."

**Melvin Ronk, Dunlap, Iowa:** He nominates his **Deere** 7000 Max-Emerge planter and his **International** 490 flex wing disk as "best buys". "The planter does an excellent job and we've had no problems with it except for the plastic chain tighteners. As for the IH disk, it's the best piece of equipment I've ever purchased. I really like it."

**Harvey Grangroth, Cokato, Minn.:** "I like our **Deere** 2940 tractor because of the front-wheel assist. It sure comes in handy when plowing across wet spots and also for hauling manure through deep snow. We've even been able to haul wood when there's 2 ft. of snow on the ground."

**Charles Kemp, Jr., Macedon, N.Y.:** "Total down time in 4,120 hrs. has been about 6 hrs.," says Charles, pleased with his "best buy" **Deutz** 100-06 tractor. "It's the best tractor I've ever had. Built ruggedly and simply. Fuel consumption is low and, with the power front axle, it pulls like a large model. I had to replace the hydraulic pump three years ago but, other than that, oil and filters are about all it's ever needed."

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