

1985 and was already showing signs of rust by the next year. The manufacturer said they had many complaints about the siding and that they were replacing all of it. About two years later they replaced my roof with galvanized steel and painted the sides. They even supplied the labor. Although I was disappointed with the steel, I thought they did a good job of looking after me."

**Don Haberer, Russell, Kan.:** "It's a wonderfully designed tillage tool that does a super job of preparing a seedbed. It's also reasonably priced," says Don about his "best buy" 1991 Kent series 5000 24-ft. field cultivator.

**Donald Ney, Henderson, Minn.:** Donald's had problems with his **Dakota Alert** wireless (radio-operated) driveway alarm. "Sometimes it'll beep frequently for no reason at all. It doesn't always beep like it should when cars come in, yet it sometimes beeps unnecessarily when they go out."

**Joey Dallas, Morgantown, Ind.:** A 1991 M & W Earthmaster 1165 5-shank disc-chisel heads Joey's "best buy" list. "It's designed to subsoil up to 18 in. deep. It has a full width disk in front and five deep, heavy shanks mounted behind, allowing it to mulch stalks and also penetrate hard pan. The disk can be detached from the subsoiler, and the chisel has a 3-pt. hitch mounting bracket in front that allows me to use this part of the machine independent of the disk. I like the quality of parts and workmanship. It's one of the heaviest built machines I've seen in a long time. Every hinge and bearing is greaseable, even the wheel bearings. Bearings are built much heavier than they would have to be. I'm 36 years old and I honestly feel that with proper maintenance and use, this implement will last as long as I want to farm."

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"My worst buy is my 1983 **Bush Hog** 160 rotary cutter. I've had trouble with the center gear box (it has three gearboxes). Also the blades turn too slow which results in inadequate vacuum. It does a poor job cutting grass unless the blades are extremely sharp. Another reason it doesn't have enough vacuum is that the deck is less than 7 in. deep. Using higher rpm's in the gearbox, going to a 4-blade system, and increasing depth of the deck would greatly enhance the performance of any rotary cutter."

**William Cannon Jr., White Haven, Penn.:** "My 1991 **Stihl** FS 160 brush cutter runs smooth and powerful, has good balance, is dependable, and starts easy."

**Phil Propps, Nashville, Ark.:** "My 1991 **Deere** 2955 tractor has plenty of power and is fuel efficient. The cab is roomy and comfortable. It's a well-constructed tractor."

**Gary R. Bruns, Wilton, Iowa:** Gary's disappointed with his 1990 **Chevrolet** 4-WD Blazer S-10. "In the first year the anti-lock brake sensor went out and the dashboard went bad. The company installed a new dash, but it didn't work so they put in another one and two months later it went bad too. The transmission was bad so they installed a new one. However, when they took it out for a test drive they found that some of the gears didn't work. I had to order

another one."

**David R. Gordon, Springfield, Ohio:** "My 1992 **Wolff** hydraulic-powered tree shear, which I first heard about in **FARM SHOW**, is my best buy (Wolff Mfg., Rt. 1, Wagner, Okla. 74467). It mounts on a tractor 3-pt. hitch, front-end loader, skid steer, or backhoe. It's powered by a pair of hydraulic cylinders that control two heavy-duty shear blades, forcing them together to slice through trees. I've been very pleased with it. It does everything the manufacturer said it would. I've used it to cut about 3,000 trees."

**Merle Doerscher, Davenport, Iowa:** "My 1992 **Deere** 1219 haybine is my best buy. Before I bought it I looked at every haybine made in the U.S., and this is by far the best one on the market."

**Mrs. John Krebs, Papillion, Neb.:** She says her 1992 **Yamaha** Big Bear ATV works great for doing chores and chasing livestock and is a "best buy". "We use it for hauling buckets of corn to our farrowing barn, for hauling feed to cows in timber, for finding cows and calves that might be missing, etc. It could use a smoother ride so we wouldn't spill as much feed."

**Roger Hagemann, Wells, Minn.:** Roger's satisfied with his **Dixon** 42 zero turn lawn mower. "The zero turning radius really comes in handy for mowing around 70 18-in. high spruce trees that we recently planted as a windbreak. It's easy to operate, simple to adjust, and reasonably priced."

**Robert White, Mackinaw, Ill.:** Robert's impressed with his 1991 **Deere** 750 no-till drill. "It does a great job and that's a real compliment from someone who has a whole shed full of red machinery. One of our landlords has made trails in fields all over the farm as he drives to different areas. This drill places the seed at the right depth even on those trails."

**Robert F. McGinnis, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.:** "The steering is slower than on other mowers I've used," says Robert, who's otherwise pleased with his 1992 **Cub Cadet** 1440 garden tractor equipped with a 42-in. 2-blade high-vacuum mower deck. "It does a nice job mowing without scalping, and the 5-gal. gas tank lets me mow all day without refilling. The new 14 hp engine by **Briggs & Stratton** is quiet, fuel efficient, and has plenty of power. Controls are handy and it rides comfortably. I like the tilt steering wheel and adjustable sliding seat. It's a well built machine."

**Mike Edell, Scottsville, Mich.:** Mike's the satisfied owner of a **Case-IH** 5120 4-WD tractor. "Handles easy and all controls are easy to reach. The synchronized transmission makes it easy to shift into any gear and I can go in reverse without using the clutch. It's also fuel efficient."

**Art Pihlaja, Mass City, Mich.:** "I'm very satisfied with my 1990 **Buick** LeSabre. It's fuel efficient and handles well. Wish the seats had more lumbar support, though."

**James McComas, Plattsburg, Mo.:** "My 1992 **Bush Hog** 2615 15-ft. mower is my best buy. I've owned several other **Bush Hog** models, but this one has more features and does a better job than any of the others."

**LeRoy Neeper, Medina, N.Y.:** "My 1985 **Honda** Four Trax 250 ATV is my best buy. I'm absolutely satisfied with it. I use it mainly to haul wagons and trailers. The detachable headlight works great for repairing machinery after dark. The front hydraulic brakes are the only components that need improvement."

**William H. Hall, Hollis, N.H.:** "I've

owned dozens of moldboard plows over the years, but this is the best one ever," says William, pleased with his 1992 **Kverneland** 3-bottom rollover model. "It doesn't leave any dead furrows and lets me plow fast."

**Frank Schaible, Woodridge, Manitoba:** Frank's had problems with his **Massey Ferguson** 550 Western Special combine. "The only crop it works good in is barley. It throws grain over the sieves like crazy if I set it for the cleanest sample. If I adjust it so it won't throw as much grain over the sieves, I get dirty grain - even in wheat! The dealer and factory engineers tried to adjust it, but with no luck. We once tried using it in buckwheat but gave up in a hurry. We grow special crops like timothy and clover for seed, and it's a disaster for those crops. However, it does handle nice and is comfortable to operate."

"My 12-year-old **Stihl** 041 AV Super Electronic chain saw is a superb, durable saw. It just keeps going and going. I accidentally drove over it one day with the rear tire of my 65 hp tractor, but the only parts that broke were the rubber connection for the handlebar and the carburetor mounting plate."

**Kenneth E. Smith, Middleburg, Penn.:** Kenneth's "best buy" is his 1991 **Case-IH** 7120 Magnum mfwf tractor. "This tractor is a joy to drive. Handles real well and has a range of speeds for every job. It's easy to service. No problems."

**Russell Keast, Henderson, Iowa:** Russell's impressed with his twin-frame 1,000-gal., 50-ft. crop sprayer made by **Progressive Farm Products** (Rt. 1, Exit 2 I-39, Hudson, Ill. 61748). "It was nearly impossible to spray crops in my rolling hills and terraces when I used a sprayer with booms suspended from a trailer. This sprayer uses heavy, 5-section, twin-frame wheel booms that flex and follow the ground contour. There's a wheel on each boom section. It's the ultimate no-till sprayer."

**Eugene C. Allen, Rives Junction, Mich.:** "My 1992 **Sanborn** air compressor is my best buy. It's a vertical 5 hp, 2-stage model that provides lots of air for my air tools. It does a great job."

**Steve Geidel, Ethan, S. Dak.:** "I'm pleased with the durability and design of my **Osborne** hog feeders. Finally there's a hog feeder with almost zero waste. It sure improves our feed efficiency figures. It's expensive but well worth the money."

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On the negative side, "My **Sudenga** vertical bin unloading auger is my worst buy. I have four bins with **Sudenga** augers and have had to replace bearings on each auger every other year. The design allows water to set on top of the bearings. The augers are handy when they work, but require too much maintenance and repair."

**Jess Burrier, Cynthia, Ky.:** "My 1990 **Dodge** D350 truck equipped with a **Cummins** engine, 5-speed transmission, and 3:54 rear-axle ratio is my best buy. It has 96,000 miles but still runs great. We use it to pull gooseneck trailers. It gets 14 to 17 mpg pulling a loaded trailer and 20 mpg any

other time. It doesn't use any oil. The only problem is the brakes - the front rotors overheat too easy."

**J.B. Crawford, Fort Benton, Mont.:** "My 1991 **Chevrolet** Supercab 2-WD pickup equipped with a 350 cu. in. engine and automatic transmission is my best buy. We've driven **Fords** for nine years, but this time **Chevrolet** offered us a trade-in price so much cheaper than **Ford** that we thought we'd try one. It has 14,000 miles with no problems and gets 18 to 22 mpg on the highway. Handles well and has plenty of power."

**Dean Taylor, Blissfield, Mich.:** Dean's pleased with his "best buy" **Borkholder** pole building (Borkholder Buildings, Box 32, U.S. Hwy. 6 West, Nappanee, Ind. 46550). "It's very well constructed from top quality materials and the crew did an excellent job. The sheet metal is screwed on instead of nailed on like with other brands."

**Roger E. Collier, Missouri Valley, Iowa:** Roger's 1990 **Deere** 535 round baler equipped with a plastic bale wrapping attachment heads his "best buy" list. "I'm impressed with the condition of the bales. This baler has been trouble-free. I'm satisfied."

**Greg Miller, Freeport, Ill.:** "My 1992 **Deere** 750 no-till drill does an excellent job of seed placement, yet leaves the ground in firm shape after going through corn stalks."

**Arnold Lloyd, Seeleys Bay, Ontario:** "My 1991 **Suzuki** 4-WD Samurai JME 52 is my best buy. It has about 10,000 trouble-free miles. It has enough clearance for off-road use, yet is low enough that I can load supplies and get in and out of the seat with ease. It's reasonably priced without any silly extras."

**Chris Malott, Bethel, Ohio:** Chris's "best buy" is his 1989 **Case-IH** 496 22-ft. disk. "It has excellent penetration and does a good job leveling the soil. The only problem I've had is with the hangers for the rock flex springs."

"My 1989 **Ford** F-250 4-WD pickup was the best riding heavy duty truck I ever drove, but had a terrible paint job and poor fuel efficiency. The 351 cu. in. engine with 5-speed overdrive transmission got only 10 1/2 mpg on a good day. I traded it in for a diesel."

**Robert F. Simmons, Marshall, Minn.:** Robert's unhappy with his **Pride** of the **Farm** energy-free hog waterers. "We bought three of them two years ago and only one is still in service. The hogs ate them up. Also the lids don't close tight so they freeze up."

**Tom Desjarlais, Oconto, Wis.:** Tom's pleased with his 1989 **Chevrolet** 3/4-ton 4-WD pickup equipped with a 305 cu. in. V-8 engine and 5-speed manual transmission, but says it could use one improvement. "It lacks power. The salesman said it would perform as well as my old 350 V-8, but it doesn't. We pull a lot of loaded wagons so we have to shift gears all the time, which is why my wife doesn't like to drive it. However, it gets excellent gas mileage and rides comfortably. I like the 4-WD."

"My best buy **Deere** 3010 gas tractor has 12,000 hours and might run forever. It's been overhauled twice and the transmission and clutch have been repaired once. I keep a loader on it all year and use it every day to feed round bales."

"My **Deere** 4030 tractor has 7,200 hours and my 2440 has 3,500 hours. All my **Deere** tractors have been good buys."

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