

one clay spot in them so it's a serious problem for us. The dealer and area representative for Bush-Hog have been very good to us. They have been out several times and have a few ideas that may help."

**International Harvester:** The company gets a "best buy" nomination from Carl Deiwert, Hope, Ind., for the IH Consertill chisel: "Did just what it was supposed to do. With the Consertill attachment, we had no stop-up with stalks after 150-plus bu. corn. Foxtail would present a problem occasionally." Carl adds that his "biggest lemon" has been an IH 815 combine: "This machine does a good job of harvesting when it runs. Qual-

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ity control seems to be the main problem. The company has been very fair about the repairs but it continually breaks down. Dealer service has been good. A good machine but poor quality construction."

New products they first learned about in FARM SHOW were "best buy" nominations from several randomly-selected readers.

Eugene Wirthman, Slyline Stock Farms, Raymore, Mo., is well pleased with his Flexilube electric grease gun. "First read about it in FARM SHOW and bought it from Haelco Inc., Bath, Ohio. Use it to Alemite my diesel tractor and 15 ft. mowing machine. Being electric, it really fits my jobs."

A new ground-driven stalk cutter from BJM Mfg., Dodge City, Kan., which he read about in FARM SHOW, was a "best buy" nomination from James Deremer, Beaver Crossing, Neb.: "This rig was one of my better buys. I like the acres which can be covered in a short time. Also, the maintenance free design, and no dangerous turning shafts. One drawback is its one function — it can't be used to mow weeds like rotary types."

Our FARM SHOW report on those popular "Bean Buggies", which let you sit down on the job while "walking" soybeans to chop out volunteer corn and other weeds, included the Weber Weeder, made by J. Weber Engineering, Anchor, Ill. It triggered responses from dozens of readers, including Melvin Hartjen, Welcome, Minn.: "We bought the Weber Weeder to take the drudgery out of walking beans. We were so pleased with its simplicity and trouble-free operation that we acquired the dealership and sold 20 more. Have had no complaints."

The Charter issue of FARM SHOW featured a report on the new Red Rooster system, manufactured by Acme Carburetion, Mankato, Minn., for injecting LP gas into diesels for more tractor power. "It sure works. I want to put it on my other tractor

before next spring," says R. G. Muselman, Gettysburg, Pa., who cites it as his "buy of the year".

Here's how other FARM SHOW readers size up their best and worst buys:

**Lloyd Smith, Eyota, Minn.:** "The Basagran we used on nutgrass in corn did a super job with no damage to corn." He's disappointed, however, with Treflan used on soybeans: "Supposedly, we got it too deeply incorporated and foxtail came through."

**John Raymon, Theresa, N.Y.:** He's well pleased with his Bou-Matic "automatic detach" milkers. "This detacher is for use with a pipeline milking system. I milk 45 cows in 1½ hrs. with 4 units, about the same time as it used to take two of us to milk."

**Edward B. Clark, Galena, Kan.:** I would like to know where our good lumber is going. Here in Kansas, our No. 1 lumber would have been graded No. 3 or worse 15 years ago. The average dimension lumber you buy today would have been considered scrap no more than seven or eight years ago. What is happening to the good wood? Edward nominates a new Holland "850" Big Round baler as his "best" buy: "It makes good, solid, tight bales. I baled over 200 bales of feseue, oat straw and prairie hay weighing 1200-1600 lbs. per bale. So far it has never failed to start a bale, whether it is dry or green, heavy or light. Adjustments are quick and simple. There are two improvements I would like to see — an automatic chain oiler and a stone trap."

**Stan Bridenbaugh, Hubbard, Neb.:** He's disappointed with his Higromatic water drive center pivot irrigation system: "Did not perform as represented. Service from the dealer and manufacturer was deplorable. Impossible to get parts and complete delivery of optional equipment as ordered."

**Art Sather, Sisseton, So. Dak.:** He's sold on Elanco's Rumensin, noting that "it increased the rate of gain on cattle in the feedlot by 8 to 10%."

**Glenn Easterwood, Ft. Supply, Okl.:** His "best buy" nomination is a mist blower purchased from Automatic Equipment Mfg. Co., Pender, Neb.: "It's well built and has been used by the USDA field station at Woodward to put on 2, 4-D and other weed killers. Works in light wind and covers from 75-150 ft. swaths. Some people also use it to put fly spray on cattle. It has a heavy motor and fan. Really works."

**Paul Trihaft, LaRue, Ohio:** Not wanting to tie up a tractor to drive an auger-equipped gravity wagon for loading fertilizer into his corn planter, he bought an Auger-Mate hydraulic pump from Buckeye Hydraulics, Grand Rapids, Ohio. "It's portable, driven with a gas engine and sets in back of a pickup truck. Runs the auger real good," says Paul. "I would like to put a hydraulic motor on my bale elevator and use the Auger-Mate to run the elevator."

**Jerry Deurfeldt, Falls City, Neb.:** He reports that his Paulson bale mover "was used very little before the lift tines bent. The tines are too wide and not strong enough. Also,

the hitch would not work on category 111."

On the plus side, Jerry nominated his Massey Ferguson semi-mounted 800 "on land" plow (6 16-in. bottoms). "It performs well at both deep and shallow depths, has good trash clearance and easy working spring trip bottoms."

**Paul Widhalm, Mt. Valier, Mont.:** "Best baler I ever owned," he says of his model 200 T Freeman baler. "It's built heavy and stands up real well. When the hay is ready, we go into the field and bale it." He says his "worst" buy was 25 Colorado blue spruce trees purchased from the House of Wesley Nursery. "The trees were sent much too late in the spring. They were dead on arrival. We planted them anyway as instructed. We were guaranteed replacements if not satisfied and, although we corresponded with them, we received no replacements. Not one tree grew."

**Lynn Sathre, Adams, Minn.:** He describes his new 20 x 70 Harvestore "hay unit" as "the most nutritious, labor-saving way to put up hay for a dairy herd. The amount of time saved at haying time, labor saved, feed value conserved, plus the elimination of storage loss due to heating and handling, make up for more than the cost of the unit. Add to this the elimination of purchased protein and you have greater production for less money."

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New cars and pickups were the subject of buying reports we received from the following randomly selected FARM SHOW readers:

**Raymond Swenson, Brooks, Minn.:** "Our Volkswagen Rabbit diesel car has lived up to every expectation. Fuel economy is fantastic — 42 to 52 mpg. Very comfortable seats, quiet interior and the road handling is excellent. We use it instead of a pickup for running errands. We often have to go 60 to 75 miles for repair parts. It's the first choice of every member of our family. We also purchased a Motorola business band 2-way radio. The product is excellent but, after 7 months, I'm still waiting to receive my FCC license."

**David A. Hudnall, Heathsville, Va.:** He's disappointed with initial performance of his new pickup — a 1977 Chevrolet C-20 with 454 motor: "After I got it, there seemed to be a small knock in the motor. After 2,500 miles, the dealer pulled the motor down and discovered a cracked piston. The truck is doing good now, but I hate to pay \$7,500 for something and then have it pulled apart."

David says the best two new products he's purchased recently "are both John Deere planters. We purchased a 7000 Max-Emerge that did a

perfect job this year. The John Deere no-till planter was a big step from the Allis Chalmers. We could pull it almost twice as fast and it is much easier to work on."

**Jon Kenney, Dixon, Ill.:** He reports "absolutely no trouble" with his recently-purchased '78 GMC 3/4 ton, 4-wheel drive pickup: "I can't believe it's this trouble free." Jon is also pleased with his 1976 Ford 3600 utility tractor. "Only had one defect — an O-ring on a plug on the hydraulic system. I don't like the two shift levers or the governor." He equipped the tractor with a dual manure loader which, he says, "is slow lifting and slow tipping the bucket. On the plus side, it mounts easily to the tractor." He's been disappointed with a "5-Star Tiller Rod" he bought to level ground behind a field cultivator: "It worked okay in ground which was in soybeans the previous year, but on ground in corn the previous year it plugged up."

**Wesley Knoles, Mason City, Ill.:** His "best buy" nomination is a 1977 Ford F150 XLT pickup with a topper: "I'm very pleased with the unit. It drives, rides and performs excellent."

**Chevrolet ½ ton "10" Silverado pickup:** "Drives and rides like a car. My daughter would rather drive it than our car which is a 1976 Oldsmobile. The cab is really air tight. Good, solid built. Very pleased," reports a Minnesota FARM SHOW reader.

Here are other "best" and "worst" buys nominated by randomly-selected FARM SHOW readers from throughout the U.S.:

**New Holland TR 70 combine:** "Great in corn and soybeans — no grain was cracked, grain losses in the field were down, less dockage at the elevator. Cab was nice and quiet, lots of room and controls easy to get to. Nice big grain tank. The 3208 Cat. motor performs real well. Good combine. Like it real well." Alan Wienke, Macon, Miss. He adds that his Graham-Hoeme chisel plow is "sturdily built, and has sturdy shanks and springs heavy enough for Mississippi's heavy soil."

**John Deere 7700 combine:** "This new combine is turbo charged with hydrostatic 4-wheel drive and can run a gear higher than my previous 7700 diesel. Unbelievable the mud you can go through with the rear wheel drive. Back wheels will throw mud higher than the combine." Curtis Pflum, Burlington, Iowa.

"Bought this Deere 7700 in partnership with my brother. The combine, teamed up with the Deere row crop header we got with it, does best job possible to do in soybeans. Also, the dealer has done satisfactory job of taking care of any malfunction." F. T. Volkert, Aurelia, Iowa.

**Lilliston rolling cultivator (6 row narrow):** "It allows cultivation of small corn at a high rate of speed. Leaves a surface that is relatively level, porous and less liable to erode. Also, less wasteful of soil moisture and not as prone to ground cracking.

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