

BUYING TIPS YOU CAN USE

Randomly selected farmers “tell it like it is” in nominating their “best” and “worst” buys.

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Kurt Kreutzer, Clarksville, Mo.: “I use my 2015 Fenix HP15 headlamp extensively at night, especially during winter (www.fenixlighting.com; ph 888 775-9996). It has 5 different brightness settings that can be quickly cycled through by pushing a switch. I use the lower, more efficient settings for routine work and then cycle to the high setting (900 lumens) when needed. It’s almost like having two lights in one.”

James Rowland, Vicksburg, Miss.: “My 2013 Chevrolet Silverado LS pickup equipped with a 6-cyl. engine is very dependable. It came with a 5-year, 100,000-mile warranty. The dealer replaced the torque



stage hydraulic pump that allows the auger to gain torque and power through hard soil.

“The handle can be swiveled to allow drilling holes on a hillside or to drill holes at an angle. The unit can even be towed behind a pickup by using a tow cradle.”

Edrial A. Allen, Greenbrier, Ark.: A 2016 Deere X-570 riding mower equipped with a Kawasaki 24 hp. engine rates as Edrial’s “best buy”. “I bought this mower used with 47 hrs. on it and use it to mow 1 1/2 acres. I love this mower.”

Steve Morrison, Letts, Iowa: “No problems with our 2017 Kubota RTV-X1100 utility vehicle equipped with a hydrostatic transmission. It has plenty of power and always starts, even in winter, and with the hydrostatic transmission there are no belts to worry about. Everyone in our family uses this vehicle. My grandpa also owns one with about 2,000 hrs. on it that still runs great.”

Joe Bellor, Lapeer, Mich.: “I bought my 2006 Exmark 60-in. Lazer Z zero-turn riding mower used in 2012 with about 1,300 hrs. on it, and have only had to replace the pto clutch. This mower is reliable and cuts my 4-acre lawn fast. No wonder so many commercial lawn maintenance companies use Exmark mowers.”

Leo Tavernetti, Atascadero, Calif.: “My 2017 Ford F-250 Super Duty 3/4-ton pickup has a lot of power and is fairly fuel efficient. The back-up camera on it is useful, and the step-in tailgate is handy.

“When we got our new Whirlpool refrigerator home we discovered the shelves aren’t adjustable and therefore milk bottles won’t fit on the top shelf. Also, the ice maker is very slow to recover.”

Richard Eggen, Westby, Wis.: “We like our Onan 150-amp, 35-Kw generator equipped with a Ford 6-cyl. industrial engine. The only problem is that the gas engine is hard on fuel.”



L.J. Durrette, Lacon, Ill.: “I’m impressed with a leverage lifting tool called the Sav-y-r Back (www.Facebook.com/savyrback; ph 309 364-3024). It first appeared in FARM SHOW many years ago (Vol. 10, No. 1). The tool is designed to either pull or swing objects up to 400 lbs. with no bending or back strain. I use it in our house to move appliances and furniture and on our farm to move, align and hook up implements. I can load a snowmobile on a tilt trailer, and drag a fishing boat back into the water. The uses

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converter at about 90,000 miles and provided a loaner vehicle while the pickup was in the shop. It now has about 130,000 miles on it but still drives and rides great. I use it to pull a 10-ft. utility trailer. It gets 22 mpg without a load.”

David Richburg, Manning, S.C.: David’s impressed with Stay-Tuff high tensile panel fence wire (www.staytuff.com; ph 888 223-8322). “I’ve used high-tensile barbed wire for years but only recently started using this high-tensile panel wire. It’s strong and very high quality. Dealer support during installation was top notch. I expect this fence to outlast me.

“My wife’s Honda CRV is a best buy. This is our seventh Honda and it might be the best one yet.”

Robert Heiser, Hot Springs, S. Dak.: “It’s a wonderful tractor. No problems,” says Robert about his 1999 Deere 4600 MFWD tractor. “It’s economical to operate and doesn’t use any oil.

“I like my 2006 GMC 2500 pickup but it has nevertheless had some problems. I’ve had to replace the transmission’s oil cooler lines twice. The first time was under warranty, but the second time cost me \$1,100. This pickup has a lot of power, but it only gets 15 1/2 mpg. It has about 92,000 miles on it.”

William Nadeau, Warren, Maine: “My Deere 1025R is a versatile small tractor. I use it for lawn mowing, snowblowing, grading, and bucket work.”

Thomas Skergan, Belington, W. Va.: “I use my 15-year-old MacKissic Easy Auger post hole drill every fencing season, and it always starts right up on the first pull (www.mackissic.com; ph 800 348-1117). A lot of rental centers and contractors use this auger. It rides on 2 wheels and self-propelled models are available. Both are equipped with a two-