

to shred about 20 tons of branches and twigs with no problems. I haven't even had to sharpen the knives yet."

**David Van DeWeert, Geneseo, N.Y.:** "Great Lakes Seed Co. has always come through for us (now LG Seeds; www.lgseeds.com; ph 800 544-6310). Their 3808 hybrid corn is excellent.

"Our old Green Steiger tractors seem to last forever. We don't need all the bells and whistles on our tractors. We just want them to have adequate power and drive straight."

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**Terry Younts, Thomasville, N.C.:** "My 1996 Ford F-250 pickup equipped with a Power Stroke diesel engine has more than 190,000 miles on it. I recently drove 4,864 miles before changing the oil, but when I did the oil was still bright and shiny. I use Mobil Delvac 15-40 oil.

"I was able to use my Poulan Pro cordless pole saw less than 3 hrs. before it quit working. I took it to 2 different shops but they couldn't get it to run."

**Dan Deal, Vernon Center, N.Y.:** "I was given a LockNLube grease gun coupler by my local Ceni-Pe-Co lubricant salesman and find it saves grease every time I use it (www.locknlube.com; ph 603 795-2298)." The coupler fits onto most standard grease guns and comes with a sliding sleeve that's activated by a thumb lever. Four spring-steel jaws lock onto the grease zerk, creating a leak-proof seal. Activating the trigger releases the coupler from the zerk."



**Ned Edelen, Bryantown, Md.:** "I use my Milwaukee cordless handheld, deep cut bandsaw equipped with a bandsaw blade to cut metal. It's very fast and accurate and is a lot easier than hacksawing by hand.

"My Wayne PC2 self-priming transfer pump works great for pumping ballast into and out of tractor tires (www.waynepumps.com; ph 800 237-0987).

"I've had great luck using my Aircat 1150 cordless 1/2-in. impact wrench to loosen stubborn nuts on tractor wheels (www.aircat.com; ph 888 424-7228)."

**Pat Flynn, High Falls, N.Y.:** "I love my Ventrac 4-WD compact tractor, which can be fitted with more than 30 different attachments (www.ventrac.com; ph 800 393-0893). I use it to mow, plow snow, move material, grade new lawns, and blow leaves out of my yard. It has surprising power for such a small machine. I use it all the time."

**Edgar A. Phillips, Marshall, Mo.:** "In 2007 I bought a used 2000 GMC K1500 4-WD pickup equipped with off-road undershields. It's small and economical enough to drive empty, yet the 4.6-liter, V-8 engine has enough power to pull a big load."

**John A. Luhrs, Bedford, Va.:** "My 2014 Dixie Chopper Silver Eagle zero-turn riding mower cuts great. No problems. (www.dixiechopper.com; ph 765 246-7737).

"I also like my 2001 New Holland 33D tractor. Works great."

**Dean Gunderson, Mindoro, Wis.:** "It always starts right up, and I don't have to mix any gas or carry it around," says Dean about his Snapper cordless 60-volt chainsaw equipped with a 16-in. bar.

**Markham B. Dossett, Waco, Texas:** Markham says his 1967 Deere 4020 tractor "runs great with no problems. It's a real workhorse."

On the negative side, "My 2008 Kubota MX50 tractor has fuel problems and is totally unreliable. Condensation accumulates in the fuel filter, so every time I try to start the tractor I have to remove the filter and drain the water out. Also, the tractor's 3-pt. hitch connections are built too light and break all the time whenever I'm pulling a shredder."

**James Kirkpatrick, Jeddo, Mich.:** "My Kubota B2620 tractor works great and has plenty of power. No problems.

"I wasn't able to use my DeWalt 735 planer very much before the motor fell apart. I called the company, but they said the planer was out of warranty and would cost \$400 to fix. They said they only sell parts and not a complete motor. There's no number or name on this motor so it must be Chinese-made junk. Then my DeWalt drill broke, too. I won't buy another DeWalt tool. Anyone know where I can buy a new motor for this planer?"

**George Ferguson, Cochin, Sask.:** "I bought a 2013 Volkswagen Passat equipped with a diesel engine that gets 50 mpg and should last a million miles. Like many other newer cars, it has a sealed transmission with no dipstick.

"I took the car in at about 60,000 miles and they discovered the transmission would have to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000. There was no warranty help even though 2 other Volkswagen dealers said there should be. One dealer said the transmission oil should have been checked at 40,000 miles, and I don't know why that wasn't done when I brought the car in for oil changes. Anyone who owns one of these cars should get the transmission checked before the warranty expires. This car is my third Volkswagen, and will be my last."

**Bill Hoefler, Shepherd, Mont.:** Bill's happy with his Blaze King catalytic wood stove (www.blazeking.com; ph 509 522-2730). "It heats our 2,600 sq. ft. house with ease, even at 30 degrees below zero. We find that burning Douglas fir or lodge pole pine works best. We load the stove once in the morning and again before bedtime. The company says that with this stove you only need to use one match per year, and they're right because pine wood burns for 12 hrs. and elm for 16 hrs. This stove was well worth the money."

**Preston Beeman, Hamilton, Kan.:** "It pulls great and has a lot of power. It's also fuel efficient at about 15 mpg," says Preston, owner of a 2000 Dodge 1-ton dually pickup equipped with a Cummins diesel engine and 6-speed transmission.

**Paul D. Bessette, Stafford Springs, Ct.:** Paul's impressed with his 2016 Core cordless weed trimmer (www.amazon.com). "Because of shoulder surgery I couldn't use my Poulan Pro gas-powered trimmer any longer, but this cordless model is almost as powerful. The 40-volt lithium battery lasts 2 full trimmings on my one-acre property. It has an extra power feature on it that provides more torque and longer run time, but I've never had to use it."

**Connor Bishop, East Haddam, Ct.:** "If you prefer fixed-shade welding lenses rather than auto-darkening ones, I strongly recommend trying a gold-tinted lens. They're slightly more expensive than a standard green lens, but you can see your weld much better and in a more correct color. Be careful not to scratch the lens, though - if the gold tint gets



Frostfree Nosepump uses geothermal heat to operate without freezing and lets cattle pump their own water.

## "Best Buy" Frostfree Nosepump

Kyla Jansen of Little Current, Ontario, was one of the first horse owners to try Frostfree Nosepumps. Jansen operates a riding stable on her farm and also boards 30 to 35 horses year 'round.

Jansen's family had been using a somewhat similar system for their cattle. However, the pump they used sat on the ground and was supplied by a hose that ran to a pond. The pump was difficult for cattle to push, and the exposed hose would freeze in cold weather. She decided she needed something better for her horses.

Jansen installed her first Frostfree Nosepump 15 years ago and a second one 10 years ago, and plans to soon install a third system. "These pumps have far exceeded my expectations," she says.

Jim Anderson of Rimbey, Alberta

invented Frostfree Nosepumps for his cattle back in the 1990's. They're still being built on the family farm, and today there are more than 2,000 in use across North America.

They use geothermal heat to operate without freezing. The animal pushes on a paddle within the drinking hood to reach water that pools at the back of the bowl. As the paddle moves to the back, the pump brings up about one pint of water. Once the animal is finished drinking, the paddle retracts to the forward position, leaving the bowl nearly empty.

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scratched off, harmful welding radiation will pass through."

**Roy Miller, Jr., Patriot, Ohio:** Roy gave his old Stihl 029 chainsaw a little more than it could handle. "First I accidentally rolled a log on top of the saw, which broke the gas tank. I had the tank fixed and was back in business. Then I accidentally felled a big 24-in. dia. tree on it, and broke off some parts. The recoil was only cracked, though, so I pulled the starter rope and the saw fired right up and kept cutting, although it didn't sound at all like a chainsaw any more. Totally awesome. This saw is gone, but not forgotten.

"I hired 2 men to build fence and found the Montana post driver they used to be a totally awesome machine (www.montanapostdriver.com; ph 800 330-1937). The only negative is that it's very loud - ear plugs are a must."

**Frank Biltz, Atwater, Ohio:** "I use my 2007 Hustler 52-in. mini Z zero-turn riding mower to mow 3 different yards totaling more than 5 acres a week. Sometimes I also use the mower to clip the high grass in my paddocks. I had to replace the electric clutch on it once after I backed up the mower into a pond and got stuck. It now has almost 1,000 hrs. on it and the only problem is that it's starting to leak a little oil."

**Kent Werges, Elkader, Iowa:** "My walk-behind DR Field and Brush Mower is hard to push and very unbalanced. I wish I had never bought it."

**Henry Nutting, Milo, Iowa:** "I bought a used 1970 Deutz-Allis zero-turn riding mower in 2010 and use it regularly to mow more than 2 acres, sharpening the blades every year. It's a tough mower.

"My 2016 Poulan chainsaw equipped with a 14-in. bar practically jerks my shoulder out of its socket whenever I try to start it."

Keith Fisher, New Palestine, Ind.: Keith's

impressed with his 1988 Deere 318 lawn and garden tractor. "Over the years I've watched some of my neighbors go through 3 to 4 different small tractors, but mine still runs good. I replaced it with a zero-turn mower last fall to cut grass. I'll still use the 318 to plow snow."

**Vince Meinecke, Trenton, Mo.:** Vince bought 2 LockN Lube grease gun couplers and says the results have been "less than stellar". The coupler fits onto a standard grease gun and comes with a sliding sleeve that's activated by a thumb lever. Spring-steel jaws lock onto the grease zerk, and activating the trigger releases the coupler from it.

"The coupler is long and cumbersome and won't fit in a lot of tight spaces," says Vince. "Many times there isn't even enough room to get my fingers on the release lever. Besides, ninety percent of the time I could use a regular grease gun end anyway. I don't fall for gimmicks very often, but I sure fell for this one."

**Nick Wiederhold, Williamsburg, Ohio:** "I'm happy with my 2013 Gravely ZT 60 hp. zero-turn riding mower. I had a problem with the battery, but the dealer replaced it with no questions asked.

"The AutoCraft Power Sport battery I bought for my 4-wheeler went bad after only 6 mos. Unfortunately, it came with a 3-mo. warranty. A \$69 battery should last more than 6 mos."

**Al Simmons, Harrisville, N.Y.:** "I use my 2006 Stihl MS 460 Magnum chainsaw equipped with a 20-in. bar to cut about 30 cords of wood every year. It always starts and is dependable.

"I couldn't be happier with my 2017 Stihl BR 350 backpack leaf blower, which I use to

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