

BUYING TIPS YOU CAN USE

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

By: Scott Geyer
Editor and Publisher

Mark Newhall
Managing Editor

Bill Ridgway, Salem, Ind.: “I bought an automatically resetting mouse trap from Brian Buhler (www.Buhler3DPrints.com) in Alaska. I read about it in FARM SHOW (Vol. 45, No. 5). This is the best mouse trap that we have ever owned. We have a very large crawl space under the house, and we always get a lot of mice in winter. We sure caught a lot this year and had no mice inside the house.”

Anthony Coleman, Fork S.C.: A Cooks Saw Cat Claw Automatic Sharpener & Dual Tooth Setter Combo is a “best buy” for Anthony. “It’s easy to set up and very easy to use. The tooth setter works great. Customer service is excellent (www.cooksaw.com; ph 800-473-4804).

“I’ve had three **Florida Heat Pumps** (geothermal). The first two were very good. When I bought the third one, the company had been bought out by **Bosch**. They gave a 5-year warranty on the compressor. It went bad after four years and nine months. When I went to have it replaced, Bosch said the warranty starts the day it’s built. No more Bosch Florida Heat Pumps for me.”

Jim Maybach, Red Wing, Minn.: “My **Kubota L3240 and L4330 diesel tractors**

dealer and was told that I didn’t know how to properly operate the saw despite my 35 years of saw experience. Both the saw and the dealer are big disappointments.”

Delbert Hays, Norwalk, Iowa: “I’ve had my **Harbor Freight Bauer 20-volt 4 1/2-in. angle grinder** for about two years. It’s so handy to sharpen a dull section or cut a hose clamp off. There are so many uses for it.”

Joe Wasson, Middletown, Iowa: “I’ve owned my **Stihl 026 chainsaw** for over 30 years and have had minimal problems with it. It seems that this era of Stihl products is very durable. I now wish I would’ve also bought a 024 and 028 back then.”

Joe isn’t as pleased with a **Micro-Trak nitrogen blockage monitor**. “This is mounted to an 11-coupler side dresser. There are several leaks, and several rows are always showing blocked flow when they’re really not. The old-fashioned clear plastic ball floater-type flow monitors still work best.”



Sean Macmillan, Oakland, Md.: “I like my **Schumacher 800 Peak Amp Jump Starter**. It jumps anything and recharges fast (available at NAPA, Amazon, etc.).”

Lyle Henderson, Promise City, Iowa: “My **Bostitch 18-volt battery drill** has good power, and the batteries last a long time.”



“I like **Parmak electric fences**. They are the best.”

“The **Gallagher S20 electric fence** was too much trouble for what it cost. No more Gallaghers for me.”

Larry J. Bauman, Sainte Genevieve, Mo.: “I purchased a new **Central Boiler 560 HDX outdoor furnace** in August 2020. It’s very efficient, there’s no smoke, and it meets all the new emission requirements. It’s very easy to maintain and easy to clean. With all the latest improvements, I will probably burn just five to six cords of wood for the season. I can monitor the stove functions with my phone and can tell the temperature, firebox temperature and refuel time. It’s an excellent product, and I’m very satisfied.”

Marshall Stevenson, Bonifay, Fla.: “I like **Sea Foam Deep Creep Premium Penetrating Oil**. I put it on old cultivator bolts overnight and it allowed me to easily remove the bolts the next day.”



Farmers Nominate Best, Worst Buys

OPINION

Tell Us About Your “Best or Worst” Buy

Send your nominations to:
**FARM SHOW, P.O. Box 1029,
Lakeville, Minn. 55044, or use
the survey form on our website at
www.FARMSHOW.com,
or E-mail your comments to: Editor@FARMSHOW.com**

are very reliable and easy to start at any temperature. The hydrostatic drive makes doing loader work a breeze.”

Nathan L. Miller, Kalona, Iowa: “**Sikaflex-221** is a black polyurethane caulk, sealant and adhesive that I’ve found a lot of uses for over the years. It bonds to a wide variety of substrates and it’s strong and usually cures all the way through in 12 to 24 hrs. even with a fairly thick application (the tube states a cure time of seven days). The ability to quickly cure all the way through, unlike most caulks that stay soft in the center, is one reason it is so useful. I’ve used it to repair fiberglass stepladders, reattach dress shoe soles, mount steel pipe on top of plastic posts to make trellises, repair or patch ultralight gumboots, mount wiring on equipment where mounting clips are broken or unavailable, and a door threshold almost an inch thick.”



Sherri McDougal, Rib Lake, Wis.: “My **DeWalt 1/2-in. 20-volt lithium battery drill** has been dropped 8 ft. onto concrete, fallen into a full water tank, and even been used to buff a car hood. Even with all of this abuse, the drill still works perfectly.”

“The best chainsaw I ever had was a **Husqvarna 357 XP**. I wore it out so in 2019 I purchased a new **Husqvarna 562 XP** with AutoTune. The saw is hard to start and when it gets over 82 degrees it tends to vapor lock even with premium fuel. I took it to the