

nator doesn't keep up with demand so batteries discharge. Flood lights go out after 30 to 45 min. of use. The hydraulic seat raises itself during operation. The right speaker on the radio has been replaced and still doesn't work. There have been several oil leaks in the hinge area and they're hard to find and harder to correct, and the turbo charger went out during the winter. The digital tach was not programmed correctly for the tire size.

"When informed of these problems, Deere and its dealer organization have trouble believing that anything with green paint can have a mistake or problem. Most of the problems could be worked out if everyone worked on the solution instead of arguing and assuming the equipment has been misused. We have driven Deere tractors for 30 years and have always had good luck with them until now. We're trading this 8650 off with just 350 hrs. on it, something I thought I would never have to do."

**Roy F. Hamm, Mansfield, Mo.:** He owns a "best buy" **Ford 2000** that dates back to 1964. "We've always had trouble-free performance and it's economical to operate. I've always wished it had pressure relief valves on the hydraulics though, for when I goof and get equipment in a bind. I'd also like to see sliding counter weights to help prevent tractors from tipping over in hill country. We made our own modified radiator grill guard. The original looked good but was useless."

**John Hund, Leavenworth, Kan.:** He likes his 1982 **Allis Chalmers 6060** with front-wheel assist. "It has 600 trouble-free hours. Lots of power for its rating and it has good fuel economy. All it needs is a better speed selection. The low range is geared too slow."

**Volckhard Fritzsche, Parkville, British Columbia:** His **Supreme 18-ft.** ring drive silo unloader heads his "best buy" list. "It works very well. We also have a **Supreme unloader** in our 24-ft. silo that has caused us little trouble."

**Loren T. Hawkinson, Stratton, Neb.:** "I haven't lost a hog because of bad weather since I bought my **Port-A-Pig** confinement building in 1979. It keeps hogs off the ground. We used to lose hogs from suffocation during snow storms. The only improvement it needs is a hog fountain that would not freeze in winter."

**Joe Wiszniak, Redvers, Sask.:** "I'm very satisfied with our **358 New Holland** hydraulic grinder-mixer. We make all our own rations for about 300 head of cows, calves and feeder cattle. This machine stands up well to hard use and is easy to operate with any grain, hay or straw. It does a super job of mixing and unloads very fast even in straight roughage. I can't think of anything the manufacturer could do to improve it. This is the fourth **New Holland** grinder-mixer we've owned and they've all been great."

**Steve Dornbierer, New Ringgold, Penn.:** Steve's pleased with his "best buy" **New Holland 301** liquid manure spreader. "No major problems. Spreads a nice, even pattern."

**James R. Burk, Booneville, Ark.:** "This round baler leaves too much hay at the edges of windrows. The pickup should be 6-in wider than the bale chamber. We cannot see twine going into the baler and there's no way to judge the number of wraps on the bale. We cannot judge when the twine arm is close enough to the edge without hitting the cutoff. I can't make a bale heavier than 660-lbs. in Bermuda grass. Makes a good, tight 4-ft. wide by 5-ft. high bale in alfalfa but the bale tips over if stored across even a slight incline." reports James about his **Gehl 1450** baler.

He nominates his **6507 Deutz 60-hp.** tractor as "best buy". "We use this tractor to pull our round baler. After one year of use we have absolutely no complaints."

**Glen Dugger, Sigourney, Iowa:** "I was forced into purchasing a new **Morton** pole barn after a fire and they did an excellent job of construction. There's not one nail hole leak in the roof. The building looks good and can stand up to strong wind."

On the negative side, Glen's unhappy with his **Black & Decker 4½-in.** angle head grinder. "It's an industrial model but has a plastic case. It lasted about 18 months. It's not worth fixing because the plastic case is warped."

**James Woosley, Caneyville, Kent.:** "When our dealer brought us our new **315 New Holland** square baler it wouldn't tie. They put another knotter on it and that helped some, but it still doesn't work like it should."

James is pleased with his **Deere 410** round baler. "I've baled 2,840 bales with it and haven't had any trouble whatsoever. It's very satisfying to have the dealer stand behind the product and it's easily my best buy."

**William J. Tindle, Fredonia, Kan.:** "One of my best buys is a **4440 Deere** tractor. I've got about 600 hrs. on it so far and like it real well. Another best buy is our **1038 New Holland** bale wagon. It hauls 105 bales per load and is really a trouble-free machine."

On the negative side, William lists his **Farmhand 236** loader. "The attachment carrier is too weak. When I used a bale fork with it, the carrier bent in the first 200 bales. The com-

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pany stood behind it and sent me a new carrier which I reinforced myself before using it. It's just not designed strong enough where the carrier fastens onto the fork."

**Tom Dillman, Grinnell, Iowa:** "We get excellent service from our dealer. The machine had a few bugs but they were quickly taken care of by our dealer. Plenty of power and does a good job," says Tom, happy with his **Deere 6620** combine.

**Tom Skeem, Montello, Nevada:** Tom's pleased with **Herschel Tiger Teeth** sickle bar side blades. "The side blades eliminate the problem of accumulation of dead undergrowth in the guards. We cut meadows that had not been cut in several years where standard side blades would have had serious clogging problems. Also, the new blades are easier to change and stay sharper longer."

**Edie Le Clair, Tignish, Prince Edward Island:** He likes his **5600 Ford "blue power"** special. "It stands up excellently to the vigorous field work and custom work it has to perform. I recommend it to anyone who needs a strong performing all-around tractor."

**Tom Schnose, Hot Springs, S.Dak.:** A 14-in. **Makita 2414** cut-off saw heads up his "best buy" list. "It cuts through 1-in. square tubing like it isn't even there and will cut any angle you want. It's well-built and the vise helps hold steel securely."

He's disappointed with his **Honda EV 4000** generator. "It's very dependable. The automatic choke never has worked. In warm weather the engine quits and won't start again. The dealer tried to fix it once but failed and never tried again."

**Frank Evans, Blackfoot, Idaho:** "I feel that **Ford** is finally getting their act together," says Frank, pleased with his "best buy" **1983 Ford 4-WD ¾-ton** diesel pickup. "The truck has been a solid performer and both my dealer and Ford Motor Company have been great so far. I hope they keep up the good work."

**Jeff Davis, Boling, Texas:** "It lets me plow my cornfields after harvest without the need to shred or disk. The front-slicing coulters and twisted chisel shanks do an excellent job of cutting and mixing the stalks into the soil. I have had very little trouble with it and plan to purchase another one," says Jeff, pleased with his **Glencoe "Soil Saver"** chisel plow.

**Glennon Goetting, Red Bud, Ill.:** "The electronic controls never have worked properly. The pressure pump went out the second day we used it and the sprayer is designed so poorly that in transport position the booms cut the spray hoses. We are constantly fixing it and are not at all satisfied with its performance," says Glennon, displeased with his **Century 300** gal. sprayer.

He likes his **Deere 2150** tractor equipped with a **Deere 175** loader. "We've had the tractor 8 months and have over 600 hrs. on it with no troubles. It starts like a top even in cold weather. We run the tractor every day."

**Charles Sigrist, Winesburg, Ohio:** "We're very pleased with our new **1984 Chevrolet** Cavalier. It has a 4-speed transmission and we get approximately 35 mpg. With fuel injection, it always starts, summer or winter."

**Clinton Manseau, Littleton, N.H.:** "It's the most wonderful improvement in mowing I've ever seen," says Clinton, pleased with the "fingers" he bought for his **International** sickle mower from **E.Z. Spreader Mfg. Co., Rt. 1, Sugar Creek, Ohio 44681.** "The three fingers go on the 'heel' of the

cutterbar and won't plug up with wet hay no matter how heavy it is. The fingers are shorter than conventional fingers so everything feeds through without sticking. They're the best buy I ever made. Every mower should be fitted with them."

**Larken A. Watson, Deadwood, Alberta:** "Our **Deere 2320** swarder with an 18-ft. head cut 2,200 acres last year with no problems at all," says Larken, who farms some of the northern-most cultivated land in North America. "Really appreciate the cab, air con-

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ditioner, heater and our helpful dealer. We also have a **1370 Case** which has been an excellent buy. Lots of power."

**Keith Bohle, Sumner, Iowa:** "This tractor's a pleasure to drive. It has plenty of power and great fuel economy. Dealer service has also been good," says Keith, pleased with his **International 986** tractor. He also likes his **Feterl** grain auger. "The auger works good, runs quiet and it's balanced so you can move it around by hand."

"We're disappointed with **Multi Mile Wild Country** tires which I put on my new pickup. The centers of the tires wear out too fast. The dealer says mine are the only ones that do it but I've seen other tires doing it, too."

**W. G. Foote, Wenona, Ill.:** "This machine is advertised as a one-pass seedbed preparation tool for cornstalk ground but it won't do the job because it constantly plugs with cornstalks," he says, upset with his "worst buy" **Glencoe Soil Finisher** with Danish tines and peg tooth harrow. "I bought the machine in 1981 with the understanding that if the Danish tines were not satisfactory, they would be replaced at no cost to me. I'd like to try conventional shanks, but I can't get the dealer's attention. Also, the disk on the front covers a much narrower area than the rest of the machine, which adds to the plugging problem but doesn't eliminate the ridging caused by the single disk. And, if weeds get any start at all in the spring, the narrow shovels cannot take them out."

**J. Russell Angell, Mocksville, N.C.:** "Does a good job if you can keep it in the field but you need a full-time mechanic to keep bearings in it," says Russell about his "worst buy" **Deere 331** disk harrow. "The frame is also not strong enough and has had to be repaired."

He lists his **Miller Series III** offset disk harrow as "best buy". "Excellent structural strength, ample working pressure per blade, and excellent penetration, even in new ground."

**Greg Will, Denison, Kan.:** "I bought a new **Hesston 6450** self-propelled windrower in late 1979 that must have been designed and

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