These **Boots WORK** New, durable styles keep feet

comfortable and safe. BY CLAIRE VATH

Sometimes it seems farmers and ranchers are in the business of being on their feet all day, which is why investing in the right pair of boots is crucial for farm work—and health. With all the boot manufacturers, a plethora of choices exists in every material, style and price range.

To select the right pair of boots for your job, decide on the most important feature for your work. If you'll be doing a lot of fieldwork, a deeper tread offers better traction. If you'll be on your feet in the shop all day, look for something that's slip-resistant.

Here is a sample of some of our favorite new products:

Bogs Ultra-High Work Boots

100% waterproof with a durable rubber seal to keep out the elements. Neo-tech insulation provides warmth. Features Channel Air Technology to keep feet dry and comfortable. Contoured fit. Slip-resistant outsole. Features Bogs' easy-on pull handles and an antimicrobial odor protection insole. An inner midsole with rubber sponge provides comfort and warmth.

> BEST FOR: Extreme weather conditions PRICE: \$103 Info: www.bogsfootwear.com

Bogs Classic High

100% waterproof boots designed to keep comfortable in temperate to sub-zero conditions. Features hand-lasted rubber for durability and a four-way-stretch inner bootie. Nonslip, nonmarking, self-cleaning outsole. Contoured sock liner with antimicrobial odor protection.

protection.

BEST FOR: Outdoor ag use PRICE: \$85 INFO: www.bogsfootwear.com

Muck Boots Chore Hi Boot

Stretch-fit binding at the top keeps snug to calf to keep the elements out. Foam bootie with nylon, 100% waterproof. Additional Achilles reinforcement for added protection. Lightweight rubber outsole.

Steel shank for additional arch support. Triple reinforced in the toe area and quadruple reinforced in the heel area.

BEST FOR: All conditions PRICE: \$109.95 INFO: www.muckbootcompany.com

Muck Boots Muckmaster

This boot has all the standard features of the Chore Hi boot but includes a thermal underlay for additional warmth, a contoured footbed and an added toe protection with wrapup bumper. The rugged outsole provides maximum protection and stability, and the boot is rated for weather from -20° F to 70° F.

BEST FOR: Commercial operations PRICE: \$134.95 INFO: www.muckboot company.com

Duluth Trading Everyday Work Boots

High-tech hiker boot features bring comfort and support. Lining wicks away sweat. Dual durometer insole provides stability and support. Rubber lug soles provide stability in slipper environments. Scotchguard-treated leather uppers. Insole is washable, removable and antimicrobial. Rubber boot kick to prevent scuffs.

BEST FOR: Everyday wear PRICE: \$89.50 INFO: www.duluthtrading.com