

NEW BALEPACK SECURES WAIKATO CONTRACTOR'S REPUTATION FOR QUALITY

PALMERSTON NORTH – (22nd August 2011) A new Kuhn VBP2160 BalePack is helping Waikato contracting and farming operation Bradfield Farm Limited boost its good name even further.

Bradfield Farm is owned by Kevin and Kirsten White and is located halfway between Te Awamutu and Otorohanga. The large operation includes two dairy units, one of 420 cows, and a conversion which will support about 800 cows in the coming season. Additional land is devoted to growing grass and maize for hay, baleage and pit silage.

The Whites also manage a contracting business that does everything from cultivation to harvest, runs 10 transport trucks, and provides a range of other services such as spraying, fertiliser spreading, earthmoving and animal bedding.



Kevin and Kirsten bought the Kuhn VBP2160 BalePack in September 2010. They chose it because of its dual baler/wrapper function, which means they need one less tractor and driver to do the job.

Kevin says the Kuhn BalePack came highly recommended. With its tandem axle it has a lower centre of gravity, making it a stable baler for undulating country. "It's a great machine and we've had very little trouble with it," he says. "It wasn't a big silage-making season for us this past year with the hot and dry spring we had. There really wasn't a lot of grass around but it went very well doing the work we had."

While they did have a couple of small teething issues with the BalePack, Kevin's Kuhn dealer, Giltrap Agrizone of Otorohanga worked hard to sort them out.

Tom Fare and Ryan Parkes are the baler drivers for team Bradfield. Both have been operating the BalePack since it was purchased, and Ryan has made nearly 3500 bales in that time.



"We're baling mainly silage and it's been good. It does a really tight bale and the wrapper system works really well," Ryan says. "The transfer is good. It can transfer facing downhill which is one of the big benefits, as not many machines can do that." The tandem axle means the BalePack doesn't bounce or bang on transfer. "We have mowed in the morning and baled in the afternoon and it coped well. The belt didn't slip," says Ryan.

"The 3D wrapping system is absolutely awesome for keeping the bales' shape. They hold better with the 3D system. And there are no chains to grease or oil, which is great."

Kevin White has received a lot of good feedback from customers on the BalePack's bales, which are easy to feed out. "The bales feed out better and they're a really good bale weight, with good consistency. They hold their shape well in the paddock. They don't go all saggy and look ugly," he says.

"I just like the product that comes out at the bale end. That's what baling is all about. Your reputation is all on how good your bales are and the BalePack makes very good bales. That was what we were looking for.

"We're known for our good-quality bales. They're good firm and tidy bales, whether they're round or square, and this machine certainly delivers on that promise."



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