

# Strautmann Double 1500K Verti-Mix Feeder



Cyril Daunt loading his Double 1500K Verti-mix Strautman Feeder

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**The Daunt family have been in the Carrigaline area of County Cork since Norman times. The family have generations of farming in their blood and Cyril continues the family tradition.**

Today he farms about 280 acres, of which all is in grass except 20 acres, which is used to produce maize to supplement the ration. Cyril runs around 120 cows with followers, 100 calves plus another 100 more mature beef animals. He is really a one man show, taking on a temporary man in the busy summer period and the occasional weekend.

Cyril, along with his father did pit silage up to 1984, at which point, they changed their system to round bales. His first venture into Diet Feeding was with a Keenan Feeder in the early nineties. The Keenan 140 did a nice job of mixing but all bales had to be pre split before loading them. The feeding day was still long.

By 2002 Cyril was baling around 2000 Bales of silage plus another 600 or so straw and approx another 150 bales of Haylage. He saw an advertisement for a Strautman Demonstration being done locally and went along to have a look. The upshot was that an arrangement was made—do a demo on my farm and if it feeds the way its looks and behaves here -- I will buy one! The demo was duly carried out by I.A.M. and Lynch and McCarthy, and Cyril made his purchase.

“Why did you decide to go for the twin tub type?” I asked him. “I wanted a neat compact machine but I also wanted a bit of capacity. As you can see” he said “the machine is not too high. I can easily fill it with a tractor and farm loader. The two augers work well together and are not as hard to drive as you might think. I’m using just 100hp and I have had no problems with start up or running the machine”.

“It’s fast” says Cyril, “and handles the full round bales with no problems. I’ve never even broken a shear bolt”

“How do you manage your stock, as you are alone most of the time?” I asked him. He told me he purchased a Joskin Cattle Trailer which is 23 ft long. The platform drops hydraulically so loading is relatively easy. “I can get 13 in calf heifers or 6 + 6 cows on board easily. It’s proved to be a godsend”

On the tractor front Cyril has four John Deere tractors a 6620, 6420, 6410 and an old 2130. He uses a Terex loading shovel for the handling and loading.

“You need good equipment when you run as lean as I do. The Strautman is not the cheapest machine but it gets the job done in short order, and it’s built strong”.

Strautman Feeder in 2012. Loading the machine with a standard tractor loader is easily done due to the low overall height.

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