

# Happy Cattle - Happy Farmer

PRODUCT Roots and Grain Feeder

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Eric Jolly is a farmer who prefers simple, uncomplicated farm machinery. After 5 years of constant winter daily use with no repairs or breakdowns other than the regular dollops of grease - Eric is more than happy with his choice of RITCHIE ROOTS AND GRAIN FEEDER. Every winter day the RITCHIE unit is mounted to a front end loader, fitted with crimped barley direct from the clamp and used to discharge directly along shed feed troughs.

Originally purchased as a 3pt linkage mounted machine to feed turnips to out-wintered stock away from the farm, Eric decided after the first year's use to move to

feeding crimped barley to stock over-wintered in the farm buildings at West Mains of Turin Farm, Forfar, Scotland. For the last four years all of the in-housed bull beef, calving cows and fatteners have been fed daily using the simple RITCHIE feeder.

With the machine now being front loader mounted with quick hitch fittings, attaching, loading, feeding of 750 - 1,000 kilos and unhitching takes only 25 - 30 minutes each morning. Eric explained that the advantage of front mounting the unit is that he can easily adjust the discharge height to fit the various trough heights and a quick nudge of the hydraulic lever stops any bridging of the

crimped barley feed. He also added that the RITCHIE machine has proved its sturdy manufacture as it is used as a front-end bucket to fill itself from the clamp in a drive-in / drive-away action.

Eric breeds, rears and fattens not only Simmental crossbred cattle, but also pure bred Luing, sourced originally from the Isle of Luing and which he claims is a "happy breed" used to being out-wintered if needs must.

Featured in his bright yellow coat with his RITCHIE feeder ready for his "happy cattle", Eric could be forgiven for being JOLLY.



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