

Auto-Drafting in Black & White!

TechniPharm dairy specialists Charles Stewart and Geoff Bates joined with the Waiau Pa and Karaka Dairy Discussion Groups and DairyNZ on Bryce Laing's property on the 10th June 2010 to demonstrate the Award winning See-Lecta Cow Auto-Drafter and Speed Sensitive Teatsprayer.



After the group had gone through their on-farm discussion we pushed a couple of rows of cows through the drafter demonstrating how efficient and easy the new system is. The tag numbers are entered into the system by either the computer pad or the wand which is connected by Bluetooth.



Those watching were amazed at how easy it was to enter the numbers and just watch each cow flow through the herring bone shed, fast and slow cows all teatsprayed and drafted as entered. No jumping out of the pit to chase cows through gates, one man operation at any time with the confidence the job will be done.

Bryce and his milker from the past season, Scott Bixley, felt there were several advantages but the main ones were that Bryce did not have to be there to help draft cows during milking, and as Scott suggested, he could milk with the confidence that each cow was drafted and teatsprayed while he concentrated on milking! Scott also said it meant he was out of the shed at least 30 minutes earlier each milking and also the vet was impressed with not having to spend extra time on-farm helping draft out cows.

Scott is now sharemilking in the Matamata area and suggested the unit was easy to shift from farm to farm, so could see an advantage to sharemilkers also.

Set-up is easy, cow flow is excellent, happy farmer = happy cows.

The consensus was that this award winning unit saved time while making the job easier taking at least 2 jobs out of the pit, EZY AS!!

Technipharm has a full Seelect a Cow drafting and SST teatspray system on their site at National fielddays, Gate 1 (the red arch)



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