

“I’m looking forward to getting into next winter. With the Keenan I am in control.”

Tim & Siobhan McSweeney, near Blarney in Co. Cork currently milk 80 cows producing on average 7500 litres with Spring & Autumn calving. Coming into last winter, they knew Silage stocks were less than what was required and also that it was not of the highest quality. They had in the past thought about a diet feeder, but had never taken the plunge and purchased one. Now though, needing to stretch their limited forage resources, the diet feeder discussion was back on the agenda.

Why Keenan?

When Tim started to look at diet feeders, one brand stood out to him. “I felt that Keenan was a good recognised brand and the best feeder to mix” says Tim. Of course, there were detractors to Tim’s opinion. “People told me it would add to my workload, but I felt it as lessened once I got myself into a feeding routine”. I was told that my 70HP tractor would not be big enough to drive the Keenan, but I find it adequate enough. “The Keenan is easy to manoeuvre, very compact, and a very sturdy machine” says Tim.

Herd performance

Tim & Siobhan are absolutely thrilled with the ECO 54 Model they bought. “Before, we didn’t know what the cows were eating, and using a grab inevitably meant waste. But now, using a diet prepared by the Keenan Nutritionist, Cathal Bohane, the waste is minimal, the cows are more content, and spend less time at the barrier.” Tim continues, “What with the poorer silage I had and the weather last year, the cows were thinner coming in than normal, so holding them would have been a production response for me. Instead, Protein is up on last year at 3.48% with milk yield held constant. In terms of herd health, I had no stomach problems and all the cows cleaned very well.”

Support & Service

Keenan’s extensive support network, both in Nutrition and Mechanical backup means that the McSweeney family rest easy knowing that they are well looked after. Keenan’s support network operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to a high level of quality.

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