



Silage making the easy way

“When choosing your silage preservative, reliable results come first. A good quality silage retains a high level of nutrition and a low level of spoilage and feeds more stock,” says Biostart Ag Sales Manager, Wayne Robinson.

Scott’s Ag Contracting in Carterton are long-time users of Biostart products, and it is a given, when their farmers order grass silage, that it will be treated with SilageKing. Rhys and Jason Scott took over from their father 10 years ago and both sons hit the ground running, determined to build the business up to its potential. They have grown the business 5-fold in that time and have most recently added a fleet of trucks so they can raise their efficiency even more.

Rhys, who manages the forage side of the business, says that one of the important factors in continuing to use SilageKing is the ease of use. “Packs can be part used and are still fine when work is picked up again after a break. The in-cab control system allows us to easily work out how many bales we have made and the amount of SilageKing Liquid we’ve used for a customer. SilageKing is stored at room temperature which makes life easier for us,” explains Rhys.

Another aspect of working with Biostart that Rhys appreciates is, “The BioStart advisors are great to work with, friendly, knowledgeable and happy to help out – everyone in the yard likes them”.

Photo caption: Rhys Scott, BioStart Ag advisor, Wayne Robinson and CEO Jerome Demmer check out some of the big machinery that has allowed Scott Ag contracting to expand their business.

How SilageKing works

SilageKing, one of Biostart’s forage preservative range, has two modes of action; it increases the action of ensiling microbes while reducing the action of spoilage microbes.

In the first mode of action, SilageKing activates the beneficial lactic acid and acetic bacteria that occur naturally on the forage prior to chopping and baling. These activated bacteria produce lactic acid and acetic acid that then ensile (preserve) the forage.

Secondly, SilageKing inhibits the growth of the naturally occurring spoilage microbes that are also present on forage in the paddock. SilageKing inhibits the growth of both yeasts, which heat silage pit faces, and spoilage fungi, some of which produce mycotoxins that impair animal weight gain and fertility.

SilageKing can be used on cereal and grass and is available as either a liquid or a granule. This season Organic SilageKing Liquid is available for certified organic growers.

Biostart has a range of convenient applicators for both the liquid version of SilageKing and the granulated version.