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## Flat-pack feeders lift efficiency, cut waste

**A**DVANTAGE Feeders understand that increasing on-farm efficiency is vital, but only if it is cost effective to do so. For this reason, it has developed a feed outlet system on its grain and pellet self-feeders that can more accurately and safely control the outflow of feed while being offered to farmers flat-packed or assembled.

The superior rationing ability can eliminate the risk of grain-poisoning, because fresh stock onto the feeders can be weaned on from a low 15 per cent ration, up to full ration over a two-week period to correctly adjust to different feed.

With the ability of feeding a low ration, the advanced adjustment system makes the feeders highly versatile because they can also be placed out in paddocks to supplement stock. This is achieved because there are eight adjustment gauges on the feeder to help set the outflow, and a volume scale so the farmer can easily keep track of feed out-flow.

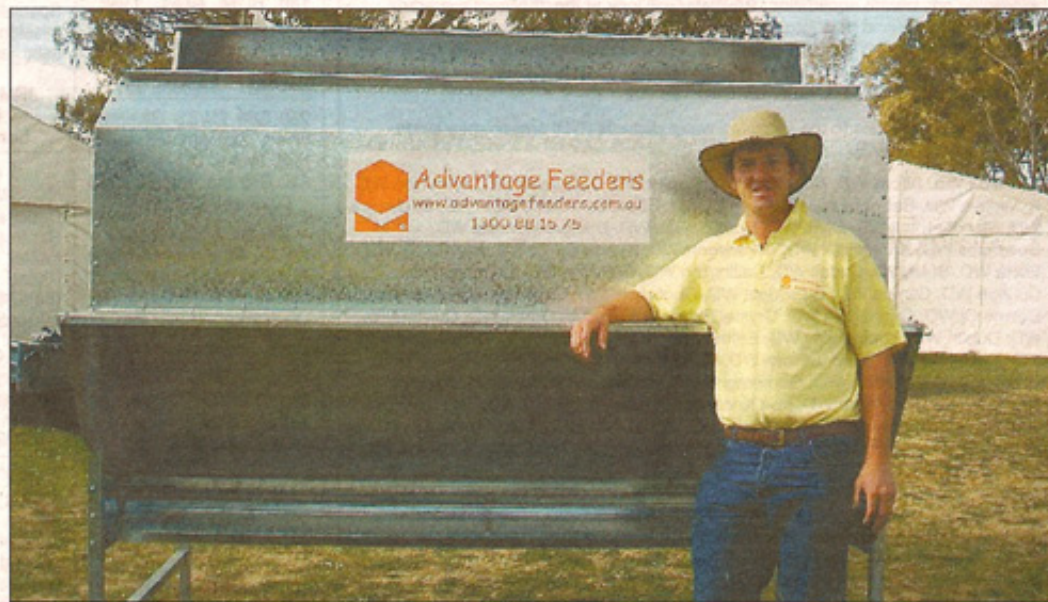
Advantage Feeders proprietor Gerard

Roney said many farmers used the feeders in a feedlot situation to finish their stock for market, then put the feeders out with mature stock for supplement feeding. Therefore, the feeders were more cost-effective through higher functionality.

"Advantage Feeders prides itself on its weather protection so there is less wasted feed and restricted need to clean outlets," he said. "The feeders are easy to move from paddock-to-paddock because they are mounted on skids and can be lifted with forks on a front-end-loader.

"The use of the grain and pellet feeders for supplement feeding is becoming increasingly accepted because farmers can't afford to be putting feed on the ground, especially at the current price of grain. And the saving in labour can be significant, because the feeders contain about 2.5 tonnes, which will save on tending livestock several times a week."

Roney said Advantage Feeders also made hay heeders that could dramatically reduce hay and silage waste, by preventing stock from



**VERSATILE:** Advantage Feeders proprietor Gerard Roney with a versatile feeder.

trampling, ruining and spreading the hay around. These feeders were particularly suitable for sheep, lambs and calves, because

they can gain full access to the bales. And the feeders were suitable for round and square bales.

He said Advantage Feeders

products were sold in all Landmark stores.

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