

SlurryKing helps get the maximum out of slurry

Alan Marshall

Wigtown, Newton Stewart
230 milkers, 500 head in total with beef
Tower, tanks and a 600,000 gallon lagoon

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

Stirring. We were spending an intolerable amount of time on it. I needed to know we weren't just taking the liquid out. With only two of us here and cows to milk seven days we only get a small amount of time in the afternoons to pump and spread. The land goes one mile one way and two and a half miles the other way, uphill. Transporting the slurry takes a long time, so anything that saves us time is what we need. We do use contractors to help with the work. We were organic up until about a year ago. I know there's huge benefit to be gained from using slurry properly, especially the time factors and the logistics of having it ready to spread.

What happened next?

Simon, our Harbro salesman suggested we try SlurryKing. We put it into the tower and tanks which then 'fed' the lagoon, so we didn't need to treat the lagoon itself. The slurry in the lagoon is now spreadable within 10 minutes and does not crust. The tanks used to take a day to a day and half to stir. Now it's far quicker than this and the slurry is always liquid and ready to spread. It doesn't stick to the grass. We have one underground tank which for one reason and another we cannot treat with SlurryKing. It's a youngstock building and is always a problem, whereas the others are not. I know SlurryKing would make a huge difference if we could use it in there.

What have you saved?

Time, diesel, and I'm quite sure I'm saving on the chemical fertiliser also. Have you noticed any other benefits? Yes, I've noticed the smell does not linger as much as it used to, it drops to the ground and doesn't stick to the leaves. Just as well, as we have neighbours around us and the fewer the complaints the happier I am.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Yes, SlurryKing helps get the maximum out of slurry, but even if it just saves on tractor time and hassle it's worth it.

You just mix it up, put it in the tank, job done



Anthony Hitchcock

Crossways Farm, Bury St Edmonds
Pig Farmer

How did you hear about SlurryKing?

I used the product a number of years ago when it was sold under a different name. I was very happy with its performance but my supplier stopped selling it. I then tried different products but wasted no time in returning to the product, as the competing products simply didn't deliver the right results.

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

Initially smell. We had very bad odour one winter time when ventilation was poor. The smell really was very strong in the pig house, it hit you when you opened the doors. On emptying, we couldn't spread too close to the houses nearby, it was really very strong. Flies were also an issue within the farrowing shed. We were using fly sprays and bait to try to curb the problem. We also had problems with flies on our flat decks - a continuous cycle of maggots which we couldn't curb.

What happened next?

A few weeks after applying the SlurryKing I noticed a really big difference in the smell. I have a neighbour who often complained about the smell, but since using SlurryKing along with a low level applicator, they've noticed a vast improvement in smell and flies. Nothing else we tried really hit the flies quite like SlurryKing did. It worked to the point where could count the flies on one hand. The slurry then gets pumped into a large tank where it's held for up to three months. It then goes back to the fields.

What other benefits have you noticed?

It's far easier now to empty out and clean down the tanks. We wash one room a week and in the past it used to be a hard job to get all the slurry out through the little plug hole, but now we pull the bung, wash the pen down without even thinking about the slurry.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Absolutely. I like SlurryKing as all I have to do is mix it up, put it in the tank and forget about it. Haven't got to do anything with it. As long as you put the right amount in and the top up dose, job done. I have tried other products. They haven't been successful for us - they took more work than it was worth bothering for. With one of them I had to dose the tank every week, which for someone like me is too time consuming. I want to put it in and forget about it. Others required stirring every week and adding a bit more product. Some dealt with smell by encouraging a crust to develop, which was not what I wanted as I wanted to spread the slurry on the fields.

The smell was greatly reduced when spreading and the slurry was far more consistent



Ian Evans

Penkiln Farm, Garlieston, Newton Stewart
230 milkers, 80 loose housing, 600 acres
350,000 gallon round tower

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

I wanted the crust to be eaten away. Before, you could have walked over the top of the crust. Also, when I would mix it up, the dirty water would come out ok, but floor solids were left behind. Simon Dodds from Harbro recommended I use SlurryKing.

What happened next?

I applied the product as per the instructions. The smell was greatly reduced when spreading and the slurry was far more consistent, leaving much less solid material on the leaves of the grass.

What have you saved?

I have saved time and money on pumps. It would take a while and so I used to hire in specialist mixing equipment. I haven't had to hire this in since using SlurryKing. I can't put a price on it yet but I expect to get more grass due to less leaf contamination. I'll be aiming to inject slurry from now on - the slurry is now more consistent and able to be injected.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Yes, and I have been recommending it to a number of neighbours.

My aim is to have production costs as low as anyone in Europe. Using SlurryKing is central to achieving this on my farm



John Gray
Wellhouse Farm, Essex
Pig Farmer, 18,000 pigs

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

We put in some totally slatted accommodation in 1992-3. By 1994 flies had become a problem and when the neighbours started to complain I knew something had to be done. I saw an advert in a Pig World magazine, called the number and spoke to Giles Dadd.

What happened next?

Giles came to see me on the farm and we developed a programme to treat the slurry. I followed his advice and as we introduced new batches of pigs, the slurry tanks underneath were treated with SlurryKing. I then treated the tanks regularly, topping up the dose each time any slurry was drawn off.

I was delighted to see that the crust didn't re-form. I was left with a consistent, liquid slurry, which, when it came to emptying the tanks, ran through the channels and didn't cause blockages. I now use a boom irrigator to apply the slurry more accurately on the land. The nozzle is far narrower than before and so a consistent mixture is very important.

I decided to use SlurryKing on my second unit where the slurry is separated and the liquid runs via a ditch into two 10 million gallon reservoirs I use to irrigate the arable land. I've got 35 acres of surface water here at the farm and the programme delivered a drastic improvement in my reservoir situation, to the extent that the wild birds have returned to the water – something I was told would never happen.

More recently I've focused on maximising pig yield. I was advised to install a completely slatted system into my weaner house to keep the pigs clean all the time to improve their environment and thus reduce the mortality rate. As the SlurryKing made me feel confident I could deal with the slurry, I went ahead and installed the fully slatted system and it's worked. My cost of production is going down as I lose fewer pigs to disease. An added benefit is that I don't have to ask my men to work in straw and dust and faeces. They're also delighted not to have 8,000 tons of muck to spread each year, saving on labour costs.

I make sure I always re-apply every six weeks to keep on top of it. My wife always lets me know when to do it as she notices the flies start to come back again. We have a conservatory which, based on bitter past experience, would be black with flies if we didn't use SlurryKing.

How much money have you saved?

“Since 1996 I’ve made a saving of about £6,000 a year on bagged nitrogen alone. We quantified the nitrogen value on the arable crops. Originally it was 20 units per acre inch but after treatment with SlurryKing that went to 30 units per acre inch.

In addition, I save the £1500 I would need to put by annually for contractors to come every five years to dredge out the accumulated sludge. As the SlurryKing gave me the confidence to go ‘all slurry’ in my new fattening sheds, this saved me about £6 for every pig. Of course, some things are hard to quantify, such as the improvement in growth of the crops.

John Gray’s Annual Savings

Saving on bought in fertiliser	£12,000
Contractor costs	£2,500
Going all slurry - 18,000 pigs @ £6	£108,000
LESS cost of Slurry King Pigs	-£2,800
TOTAL saving	£119,700

I can't imagine farming without it now. The amount of hassle it takes out of slurry management is nothing short of amazing



John Pidsley

Thornton Hey Farm, Cheshire

Dairy farmer - 60 milkers, 30 young stock

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

"I had a problem. In 1997 I changed the bedding from sawdust to chopped straw to benefit the cows. I have a 50,000 gallon lagoon and a 160,000 gallon slurry tank, both of which are emptied every four months. We were having big problems with blockages when emptying the tank as the straw was forming a thick crust that wasn't breaking down. Both systems would need to be stirred before emptying which was an expensive, time consuming task that usually took several days. We often found there wasn't enough time to do it thoroughly, so the slurry varied in consistency and the nutrients didn't get applied evenly. Thicker slurry stuck to the leaves and contaminated them, forcing us to wait longer before we could graze the land. This was a real problem as we were totally dependent on grass.

I saw an advert for SlurryKing in Dairy Farmer and gave it a try from the autumn of that year."

What happened next?

"Treatment was easy. I simply mixed the SlurryKing with warm water and poured it into the reception pit before it was pumped into the tank, ensuring the bacteria were introduced into the liquid part of the slurry and not wasted on the surface.

The treated slurry is so much easier to handle. There is very little crust and the slurry has a more even consistency, even before mixing. This has greatly reduced the time and energy spent stirring the stores before spreading (it only takes me an hour to an hour and a half now), reducing hassle and allowing us to take advantage of weather windows for spreading. When I put the thinner slurry on the land I saw that the grass was growing noticeably quicker almost straight away. So much so, that by the springtime, I was able to drastically reduce the amount of fertiliser I put onto the land, buying only a couple of bags as an 'insurance policy' almost."

"I've now been using SlurryKing Cattle for eight winters with good success. The product is unquestionably effective as a slurry digester provided it is always applied correctly. This I am able to apply to either mowing or grazing land without problems and with little odour throughout the growing season.

How much money have you saved?

Obviously fertiliser saving is the key area, and the fact that I have lower contractor costs is a substantial saving. Also, with greatly reduced mixing time, diesel savings come into the picture.

See the table below for John's annual saving on a relatively small non intensive farm.

What other benefits have you noticed?

I've noticed SlurryKing treated slurry doesn't stick to leaves so contamination risk is reduced on silage grounds and we can get the cows back to grazing sooner.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

The benefits I have enjoyed since first using SlurryKing Cattle back in 1997 are certainly worth having, and I would most certainly recommend the product to other dairy or cattle farmers. But to achieve these benefits I would stress it is important to always adhere to SlurryKing's easy-to-follow instructions and apply the product correctly."

John Pidsley's Annual Savings

Fertiliser saving	£8,625
Contractor saving	£300
Diesel saving	£200
Less cost of SlurryKing -	£250
TOTAL saving	£8,875

We only needed to stir once – there was no crust whatsoever



Jonathon Sunter

Hilltop Farm, Leyburn

120 cows, 100,000 gallon tin tank and 2.5m gallon lagoon

What prompted you to use Epizym?

We constructed the lagoon last September. As it's so big we wanted to avoid a crust from the outset. We also wanted to make the most of the slurry in terms of nutrient value.

What happened next?

I'd heard of Epizym in the magazines and my Carrs Billington rep Jim McRobert suggested I try it from day one with the lagoon to avoid problems later. The idea was to use the tin tank as a kind of 'culture pot' for the bugs, putting them in there to 'feed' the lagoon, start it off as it were. We have a contractor come to pump the slurry out of the tin tank and up to the lagoon on a regular basis.

We applied the product as per the instructions. After a while we did a couple of pumps up to the lagoon. We only needed to stir once – there was no crust whatsoever. Previously it had taken half a day to stir. The solids would be on the top, liquids underneath. After Epizym it is a consistent mix.

It's brilliant not having a crust – it just looks like there's water in the lagoon, not slurry. Birds sit around the edges of the lagoon like it was a pond.

From a nutrient point of view, we had some slurry analysed. Whilst we don't have analysis results before using Epizym, the results that came back were brilliant:

Per 1000 gallons of fresh slurry:

Nitrogen – 29.46 units

Phosphorous – 9.99 units

Potassium – 39.33 units

I spread with a splash plate, and I realise that means only 50% of the nutrients will be available, so maximising what is available is important to me.

What have you saved?

Our main aim is not to have to stir the lagoon much at all. We've been using it since February and we've only had to stir it once – and it took no more than an hour. So hopefully we should only need to stir it 1-2 times a year. This is big saving in terms of hassle and time.

Have you noticed any other benefits?

The farm is near a town and when we spread it still smells, but it's definitely not as pungent. There is no smell off the lagoon either.

We spread some of the slurry onto grazing ground, and as the consistency is closer to water, it goes into the ground quicker and the muck doesn't cling to the blades of grass. The result is I can spread with a splash plate and with the right weather conditions the cows can be grazing again in 7-8 days.

Would you recommend Epizym products to other farmers?

Yes, definitely, it's doing everything it said it would, which is all you can ask for.

I have been able to cover all OSR and wheats this year saving thousands on fertiliser



Martin Lewis

Gritt Farm, Bodenham, Hertfordshire

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

I installed a new liner in an existing slurry store last year. I wanted to avoid the need to stir the slurry as I feared this would disrupt the lining.

What happened next?

Having read an article about the success of such products in the farming press, I decided to try a bacteria based slurry and chose SlurryKing. Initially I was sceptical, but that feeling vanished when I clearly saw there was no need to stir the slurry and I have not had to do so in over 12 months. There is no crusting on the top at all, and also no sediment either. I've also found the consistency of the slurry is more even when I spread it on the growing crop. It's easier to spread the required width, and there's less scorching and residue on the plant.

How much have you saved?

I have been able to cover all OSR and wheats this year saving thousands on fertiliser.

What other benefits have you noticed?

The farm is close to a residential area and I used to avoid spreading in the fields next to the houses for fear of complaints about odour. With SlurryKing, the smell was definitely less on emptying. I now spread in all of my fields, as it no longer smells anywhere near as bad as it did. It must be a great improvement, as my wife usually comments. She now comments how much less the slurry smells!

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Yes

This product has greatly reduced the crust on my slurry tank and odour levels on and around my farm

Mr Malcolm Strong

Appleby, Cumbria

Dairy farmer, 80 cows 160 acres

What prompted you to use Epizym?

The main reason was the crust on my slurry tank. I had a defective slurry pump which meant I couldn't agitate the slurry as much as I usually do before it went into the store.

What happened next?

I saw a feature in a British Dairying publication. I called up and spoke with a distributor. I tried the product and after about 6 weeks saw that it had prevented a full crust forming.

Have you saved money/time?

It has saved me money as I don't spend as much time stirring. The mixture is now even and ready to spread virtually straight from the store.

What other benefits have you noticed?

Although crusting was the problem that motivated me to try it, there's been a noticeable and welcome reduction in odour. At mixing time the smell used to come over to the house. There's a retail unit called The Wedding Barn selling wedding dresses on the site, so prevention of odour was obviously a good thing to be aiming for! Since using the Epizym the smell is no longer an issue. One time I didn't use the Epizym and the smell came straight back.

Would you recommend Epizym products to other farmers?

Yes – it reduces crusts, odour and generally eases slurry handling.

It's rare to find a product that does exactly what it says on the tin (or tub in this case), but Epizym does



Perry Beard

Manor Farm, Gloucester

Dairy farmer - 140 plus followers (what does this mean?)

What prompted you to use Epizym?

Three years ago, during a conversation with a farm supplies distributor, I complained about the crust on my lagoon and the fact that it was taking a long time to stir. Smell had become an issue as well as I'm right on the outskirts of a village. Some years prior I'd had complaints about smell when I was spreading the slurry onto the land.

The distributor suggested I try a slurry digester, as it would help with both the smell and the crust problems. I thought 'why not, try it once', because if it worked, I'd have two problems solved in one go. If it didn't work, I wouldn't have wasted much money on it anyway.

What happened next?

I'd emptied the lagoon in the September and put the Epizym into it in November, when it only had a small amount of slurry in it. After what seemed like a short time, maybe a few weeks, I could see a noticeable difference in the crust – it had halved in thickness. When the umbilical contractors came, I didn't tell them about using the Epizym. However, the difference in the slurry was so apparent, they commented on it as well as on the reduction in smell when spreading.

How much money have you saved?

We now treat our slurry as a valued asset; it's not a waste product. The Epizym frees up the nitrogen and phosphate improving its value from a fertiliser perspective. We use it after the 1st cut silage instead of bagged fertiliser - saving us buying three or four tons.

Other savings are hard to work out. For example, I've definitely saved on time and diesel. Another thing I'm keen to save myself from is hassle, and this has definitely happened since using Epizym.

What other benefits have you noticed?

It's rare to find a product that does exactly what it says on the tin (or tub in this case) but Epizym does. For the reduction in hassle on the farm it is money well spent.

Would you recommend Epizym products to other farmers?

I would and have. I mentioned it to my neighbour. He tried it and now uses it regularly. The key is having an open mind and giving it a try. It's well worth the money and has greatly eased slurry management and saved me money on my farm.

Perry Beard 's Annual Savings

Fertiliser saving £1,680

Less cost of Epizym - £280

TOTAL saving £1,480

Using SlurryKing saves me money in more ways than one



Richard Allwood
Vale Farm, Shrewsbury
Dairy farmer, herd of 140

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

"SlurryKing contacted me to see if I'd be interested in trialling SlurryKing on my farm. As I had a crust on my slurry I thought I would try it and I've used it ever since. I produce milk for cheese and so I was also interested in anything that could improve the quality of the milk. I was interested in the promise that SlurryKing would reduce odour."

What happened next?

"SlurryKing was applied in the right quantities. After about six weeks, the crust had reduced by at least 50%.

It has definitely saved me money. I saved 30 units of bagged fertiliser per acre on the first cut alone. I have saved on contractor costs but do much of the mixing myself and SlurryKing has drastically reduced the amount of time this takes me so I can do other things. The reduction in smell is another good benefit. I've moved to a more rural area now but I used to have a farm with neighbours. They were happy once I started to use the SlurryKing, as is my wife to this day."

What other benefits have you noticed?

"When my slurry isn't treated with SlurryKing I can see that it's inconsistent on the land - lumps and fibre being visible"

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

"Yes. I wouldn't go back to not using it."

Richard Allwood's Annual Savings

Fertiliser saving (on first cut only)	£978
Less cost of SlurryKing	- £300
TOTAL saving	£678

The slurry literally ran out - like gravy



Richard Lister
Wragby, Wakefield
Pig Farmer

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

I decided to use a slurry additive when I encountered problems with smell and sludge.

What happened next?

I applied the SlurryKing to my 80,000 gallon above ground circular slurry store when I was fattening pigs. Previously we'd had problems with at least two feet of heavy sludge that wouldn't shift without a lot of power and blasting. We applied the SlurryKing and when we came to empty in the autumn, the slurry literally ran out - like gravy.

What other benefits have you noticed?

A noticeable reduction in smell was an additional bonus – very helpful as we have some large and expensive residences not far from the farm.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

I recommend SlurryKing to anyone with slurry to manage - it takes all the hard work out of it.

The day after I put the product in I could see it had started to work, the surface was bubbling away

Richard Weatherald

Low Thoresby, Redmire

Milking 90 cows + followers, 180 acres

Steel ring tower, holds 5 months of slurry

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

I'd read about it. With fertiliser prices the way they were I thought I'd give it a go. Crust was a secondary issue. Every time I spread and stir, I think of the diesel I use. I use a side stirrer and a jet. The crust is usually up to a foot thick.

What happened next?

The day after I put the product in I could see it had started to work, the surface was bubbling away.

What have you saved?

I put it in in December 2008 and spread it in March 2009 on meadowland. Instead of putting two and a half bags of fertiliser on I put on one bag only. I've saved at least £3,000. Also, my mixing time is reduced from 1 hour to 20 minutes.

Have you noticed any other benefits?

Finally, I've noticed that using more slurry over bagged nitrogen the grass does not rot at the bottom. The result was my first cut this year was one of the biggest I've ever had. The slurry seems to soak in a lot better and we've been able to use the splash plate.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Absolutely. I've told lots of folk already about it.

My only regret is that I didn't use it 10 years earlier

Rob Price

Green Farm, Lower Knightley
Dairy farmer - 90 Friesian Holstein

What prompted you to use Epizym?

The crust on our 390,000 gallon store was causing us a problem. It was taking a lot of time to break up, about 2-3 days to stir up and make a consistent mix before we could pump it out. We'd tried several mechanical solutions, including a paddle in the bottom of the store itself as well as jettors. The diesel bills were horrendous. But it would dry out quickly – we couldn't control it. At its worst the crust was eight feet thick – half the depth of the store itself. I knew the next step would have been a Hi Mack high reach digger but we couldn't face the expense of hiring that and the additional diesel to run it.

My farm worker went on the internet and found Epizym's website. He gave me the phone number and I got in touch.

What happened next?

Epizym explained the product and how long it would take to work. I ordered some, followed the instructions which I found very simple. Within about a month I could see it was eating away on the rear side of the slurry store. We agitated it then to ensure it had circulated throughout, left it some weeks longer and then emptied half the store after first cut silage. There was a marked difference. Three quarters of the crust had gone in that time

How much money have you saved?

I used to use two tractors and two jettors for the job. As it's taking no time now to agitate and mix I'm saving at least £300 on diesel a year. I save approximately £31 an acre on bagged fertiliser as I need less of it now the slurry is treated and the organic fertiliser value is boosted by the Epizym. Man hours spent on slurry management are reduced to minimal. It used to take one man three days to mix the slurry to make it consistent and then two to three days to empty the tank. That's all saved now.

What other benefits have you noticed?

I noticed that when I opened the slurry tanker that I no longer get the top froth like before. This meant that the tank would go out full each time. Again, making the process more time efficient and hassle free.

It's also positive for the environment that I'm not using as much diesel.

Would you recommend Epizym products to other farmers?

Yes and I have done to one of my neighbours who's going to give it a try. Fair enough, we were sceptical at first as to whether this additive could make a difference and solve our slurry problem, but as soon as I saw the effect it was having I was amazed. My only regret is I didn't start using it 10 years sooner.

Rob Price's Annual Savings

Saving on diesel	£300
Saving on bought in fertiliser (based on 120 acres with cattle)	£3,800
Saving on labour costs	£200
LESS cost of Epizym	- £200
TOTAL saving	£4,100

I've now started to inject the slurry as it's more liquefied

Simon Foote

Chynoweth Farm, Truro
Dairy farmer - 210 dairy cows

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

Flies and smell were becoming a nuisance on the farm.

What happened next?

I saw an advertisement and decided to give the product a go in my 18 foot deep pit.

Were there any unexpected benefits?

I've now started to inject the slurry as it's more liquefied. I expect a good response from my grassland. I want to get the best fertiliser value I can out of my slurry.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Yes

Informal Trial



The Brown Brothers

Rugley, Staffordshire
Dairy farmers

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

Giles Dadd, FACTS-registered advisor explains "Martin Brown manages 140 cows. At the start his tin tank was approximately 25% full with a crust on top."

What happened next?

The store was re-circulated in order to obtain a composite sample of the slurry for analysis. The correct amount of SlurryKing was applied and eight weeks later the slurry in the tin tank was re-circulated and a further sample taken. At this stage it was noticeable that the slurry was a more consistent liquid mix and the odour was greatly reduced.

Martin Brown's trial data results

	untreated	tested	% difference
pH	6.6	6.9	
Dry Matter	3.39	2.4	-29%
	Kgs/cu.m.	Kgs/cu.m.	Kgs/cu.m.
Total N	1.63	1.72	5%
Ammonium N	0.82	1.00	21%
P205	0.49	0.56	14.28%

Have you saved money/time?

Thorough analysis of the financial benefits was key to the trial for all involved.

Reduced agitation time alone brought a saving of £180 per mixing. As agitation takes place up to three times each year, there's a potential total saving of £540.

The Increased ammonium nitrogen content has a direct comparison of 1,021 kgs for 140 cows, valued at £1,021. However, the liquefaction process also makes more phosphate available in the year of application and this can be measured and thus reduce the fertiliser applied, and this is valued at £453.

Total value of £2,014 for a cost of £480 per winter. This does, however, ignore the higher potential volume of slurry produced through the liquefaction process, where the bacteria turn some of the dry matter into water through the respiration process. This is difficult to assess accurately, but it's likely to be in the order of 7%, giving an extra £381 worth of ammonia N for the herd.

Brothers Martin and Neil Brown were pleased with the trial results. Martin, with the tin tank, explains."My trial showed an improvement of 21% in ammonium N, which will hopefully deliver good savings on bagged fertiliser. Of the products on the market, the SlurryKing slurry additive is worth giving a go".

What other benefits have you noticed?

Neil freely admits he used to treat slurry as a waste product but now sees it as a valuable asset. "You can see the product working, with the bubbles rising to the surface of the lagoon. The smell was vastly reduced and stirring time has been halved, as we're now dispersing only a very thin crust." Neil, who stores slurry in a lagoon, was particularly pleased, as was his contractor. He pumped his slurry one mile by umbilical cord system. The contractor was very impressed as, in his experience, pumping this distance he would normally encounter several blockages.

A third Brown brother, on hearing the results, is now using SlurryKing slurry additive to reduce smell, making a more pleasant and inviting atmosphere for customers visiting to his farm shop.

Jeff, the third brother in the family, was not part of the trial but he started to use SlurryKing following the results on the other farms. Jeff has a lagoon close to his farm shop where, amongst other things, he makes and sells ice cream, therefore, odour is his main concern. After using SlurryKing, on emptying his lagoon there was very little odour.

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

Yes, yes and yes.

Using SlurryKing meant I got to see the bottom of my tank for the first time ever



Thomas Dodgson

Crossgates Farm, Skipton, North Yorkshire
Dairy farmer

What prompted you to use SlurryKing?

"I found one year I had particularly stiff slurry. I was recommended to me by a distributor."

What happened next?

"I followed the instructions, mixed the SlurryKing with warm water in the right quantities and put it into the slurry when the tank was almost empty (about 10% slurry left in it) at the start of winter housing time. Within about six weeks it had done the job."

What other benefits have you noticed?

"Once I stopped using it and the slurry thickened. When the umbilical men came it took much longer for them to pump it."

Would you recommend SlurryKing products to other farmers?

"Yes. I would."