

Testimonial from John Weatherstone – Gunning

I think the digester is working well. Without doing some of the paddock and leaving a control area it is difficult to make an objective assessment, but I looked at the paddock again a couple of days ago and the stubble that is still in tact is very brittle and breaks up readily. Jim Colquhoun looked at it a few weeks ago and commented that he was surprised at the amount of visible fungus in the stubble.

I am very happy with the new pasture in that paddock. It was only sown the second week of June last year.

It was grazed a couple of times during the spring with cows and calves at 70 DSE/ha, the first grazing was for a couple of weeks, the second for 3-4 weeks.

There was still so much bulk on it that I topped it with a new mulcher I bought, and there was such a heavy layer of organic matter that I was worried it might smother the young pasture so I applied the stubble digester to try and speed the breakdown.

When the pasture emerged from under the stubble I applied Twin N to give it a boost. The phalaris is now in head and as high as the quad bike handlebars. I wish now that I had kept accurate stocking records because the numbers would have been pretty interesting.