



# Kingston Creek Dairy Increases Production With Model 1100 Vertical Mixer

**D**uane Holker and son Albert have been milking cows at their present location in Kingston MN, since 2000. They currently milk about 200 cows. Since June of 1998 they had been using a reel mixer.

“Our nutritionist was telling us that some of our herd health problems were because of the quality of our feed ration,” says Duane.

“The ration was not consistent. You could see the minerals in the beginning part of the feed alley and the hay would come out in clumps throughout the ration.”

The Holkers knew they had to do something, but were not impressed with the first vertical mixer they tried out.



**“The best part is the cows are doing great,” states Duane.**

**“We have had the Patz for 36 days and as of today we are up 5 lbs. of milk. This is an extra 985 pounds of milk per day!”**

“It was awkward to pull around and the ration didn’t look that great,” states Duane. “We tried a second vertical mixer and it was much better.”

According to Duane, Albert does the feeding and so he let Albert decide which mixer to buy. Their local Patz dealer, Hobert Sales, Inc., of Cokato, MN, let them demo a Patz vertical mixer.

“We both loved the Patz,” exclaims Duane. “We liked the front discharge a lot better than the side discharge. It was easier to see what we were doing.

“The frame was heavier but the floatation tires made it easier to pull,” he adds. “The Patz cleaned out great and didn’t leave all of that feed in it to rot or freeze down.”



Albert Holker (left) and his father Duane Holker love the Patz Model 1100 Vertical Mixer!

(Continued on page 2)

## Kingston Creek Dairy - Continued from page 1

There was no question in their minds that the Patz Vertical Mixer was the one that best suited their needs. The Holkers bought the Patz Model 1100 420 cubic foot low profile mixer and have seen great results ever since.

"The best part is the cows are doing great," states Duane. "We have had the Patz for 36 days and as of today we are up 5 lbs. of milk. This is an extra 985 pounds of milk per day! With 197 cows we can't afford our old (reel) mixer." Adds Duane, "Even with only 2 pounds of hay per cow per day, we couldn't get the (Brand X reel mixer) to work. We haven't changed our ration at all and our intakes are up. We can tell the dry cows are doing better also."

In addition to the benefit of better herd health and increased milk production, Albert appreciates the time savings since they purchased the Patz Model 1100.

"Once we load all of our ingredients, we turn on the mixer as we drive to the barn," says Duane. "Albert saves 2 hours a day feeding since we bought the Patz!"

Kingston Creek Dairy also knows that their Patz vertical mixer can handle just about anything they throw into it.

"It's hard to put up decent haylage in this area," says Duane. "Since we buy all of our feed, next year we are going to use more hay. I know I can buy good quality hay and I won't have to feed the cows poor feed. We can use more hay in the Patz, because we tried it with some old slew grass and it worked great."

With their Patz Model 1100, the Holkers know they can feed the ration they want now and not be limited by what the mixer can mix.

**Contact your local dealer for an on-farm demonstration of a Patz vertical mixer.**

Read more Success Stories at [www.patzsales.com](http://www.patzsales.com).

## Raitz Bros. Reduce Feeding Time with Patz Unloaders



Jim, Ron & Ken Raitz with hired man Elihia (far right).

The Raitz Bros., a three brother, 150 head-dairy operation in Tiffin, OH, replaced their competitive silo unloaders with Patz. They have five silos with Patz 98B & C unloaders. The oldest one was installed in 1983 and in 2000 their local Patz dealer, Gary's Equipment of Republic, OH, installed the last Patz unloader. The Raitz family likes their Patz unloaders because they are rugged, simple to work on, and feed fast, which in turn means shorter run times.

**For more Patz Success Stories, visit our website at [www.patzsales.com](http://www.patzsales.com).**



## New Model 2400 Twin Screw Truck Mount

After a three-day stop at the New York Farm Show in Syracuse, NY, in February, this Model 2400 Truck Mount Twin Screw Vertical Mixer was delivered to Porterdale Farms Inc., in Adams Center, NY. The father-son dairy operation milks 1,500 cows daily on a 'round the clock' rotation. They purchased the Model 2400 to mix a variety of forages for their herd.

The Model 2400 (950 cu. ft.) truck mounted mixer has an impressive variable speed hydraulic motor that automatically slows the mixing screws down as the load is added, helping maintain optimal engine horsepower. Mixing capacity is 23,750 pounds.

Customize your mixer with pinstriping and your farm logo.  
**Ask your local Patz dealer for more information.**

## Spring Into Action

and save with pre-season pricing on Patz Silo Unloader purchases!

Order now and take delivery by May 26, 2006!



Choose Patz for:

- Easy installation.
- Maximum performance in hard packed and frozen feeds every time!
- Proven Patz collector ring is unmatched in design for reliability and longevity!
- Leading written warranty in the industry -- backed by a reputable company serving farmers for over 58 years!

Patz KIP (Keep-It-Patz) packages also available.

**Ask your local dealer for details!**



**FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR FINANCIAL SERVICES PARTNERS! ASK FOR DETAILS.**



# Impressive Shaker Box Test Results: Gold Dust Dairy Purchases 2 Twin Screw Mixers!

On January 1, 2005, Jim and Alison Thompson purchased Gold Dust Dairy, a 1500 cow dairy in De Pere, Wisconsin. The Thompsons needed a new mixer for Gold Dust Dairy and requested an on-farm demonstration of the Patz Model 2400 Twin Screw Vertical Mixer. A shaker box test, conducted by Colin Robertson who manages the Thompson's other farm, Thistle Dairy in Van Dyne, Wisconsin, showed a very consistent TMR – noticeably better than the mix they were getting with their former mixer. They were so impressed with the results and mixing demonstration that they bought two of the 950 cubic foot mixers – one for each dairy – from their local Patz dealer, Schmidt Buildings & Equipment, Inc., in Kaukauna, Wisconsin.



The Thompson family from left to right: James, Rosie, Judith, Jim, Alexandra, Alison. (Anna and Jenny not pictured.)

changes, production for the Gold Dust herd has increased by over 17 lbs/cow/day!

Colin notes that the cows are eating better and showing improvement since they began feeding with the Model 2400. Colin mixes four full loads per day for the 900 milking cows and also several small loads for specialty groups. Without a good TMR, individual cows may sort out feeds that are more desirable, resulting in waste and a poor diet. A well-blended ration of all feedstuffs is more palatable to cows.

"Refusal is less than 1% with the Patz," Colin says. "We clean up the feed bunks every second day."

Jim and Colin are not only pleased with the cleanout and consistent mix they get from the Model 2400, but also the low horsepower requirement to run the mixer. Colin uses a low horsepower tractor and says it handles the mixer well.

Jim also knows that he can count on Schmidt Buildings & Equipment, Inc. for excellent service and maintenance on his Patz equipment.

"They are very helpful and are there when you need them," states Jim.

With the proven performance of the Patz Model 2400 Twin Screw Vertical Mixer ensuring the overall health and production of their animals, the Thompsons are able to focus on the process of remodeling the barns to increase overall cow comfort for their 1500 dairy cows at Gold Dust Dairy.

**Seeing is believing!  
Ask your dealer for  
an on-farm demo  
today and see the  
impressive results  
for yourself!**



Colin Robertson, manager for Thistle Dairy, was impressed with the shaker box test results showing a consistent TMR from the Model 2400 Twin Screw Vertical Mixer.



Jesse Bitler (left) and his father Dave save time with their Patz Model 1100 Vertical Mixer. They use their mixer to feed over 200 head and chop and shred bedding.

## From Feeding to Bedding - the Model 1100 Provides Flexibility for Vista Grande Farm

Dave and Phoebe Bitler, along with their son Jesse, own and operate Vista Grande Farm in Fleetwood, PA. They have 105 registered Holsteins.

In early 2005, the Bitlers went to their local Patz dealer, Cedar Crest Equipment in Myerstown, PA, to find a mixer that would allow for more capacity and greater flexibility in handling a variety of hay in their ration. Dave said they had gotten mixer demonstrations for a few different brands of mixers but decided on the 300 cubic foot size Patz Model 1100 Vertical Mixer to feed their herd of 200 head including milking cows and young stock.

"It can handle any type of hay, wet or dry," says Dave. "There's nothing (the Patz Model 1100) can't handle."

As a matter of fact, the Bitlers also use the mixer to chop and shred bedding for the herd – something they like very much as it saves a lot of time and labor.

Maintaining the mixer doesn't take up much of their time either. Adds Dave, "I like that it's built heavy and has a simple design that makes maintenance easy."

**To find the right TMR mixer for your operation, visit your local Patz dealer and ask for a demonstration today!**



## Featured articles inside include:

- Kingston Creek Dairy Increases Production with Great TMR from Their Model 1100 Vertical Mixer!
- Pre-Season savings on Silo Unloaders!
- Raitz Bros. Reduce Feeding Time with Rugged Silo Unloaders.
- Impressive Shaker Box Test Results: Gold Dust Purchases 2 Mixers!
- From Feeding to Bedding - the Model 1100 Provides Flexibility at Vista Grande.

**FREE  
Recipe**

**Patz**

Your Partners in Progress Since 1948  
[www.patzsales.com](http://www.patzsales.com)



Bill Henke of Beaver Creek Farm in Michigan mixes 8 batches a day for 1,000 cows with his Model 9300 (940 cu.ft.) horizontal truck mounted mixer. "It mixes fast and thorough," says Bill. "It's built very well."  
**Visit [www.patzsales.com](http://www.patzsales.com) for more customer Success Stories.**

## From the Kitchen of:

Pauline Couture, Vermont

Pauline and her husband Jacques run Couture's Maple Shop and Bed & Breakfast in Vermont and she says this has been a family favorite for years.  
Thanks, Pauline!

We're looking for a soup, stew or main dish recipe for our September issue. If you'd like to share your recipe, please send a copy along with your name, mailing address and why it's your favorite to:  
Patz Sales, Inc., LINK Editor, POB 7,  
Pound, WI 54161. Published recipes will receive a "thank you" gift.

### Maple Cheesecake

Only 6 ingredients!

Crust:

- 1 package crushed, honey graham crackers
- 4 T. butter, melted
- 1/2 C. Maple granulated sugar

Blend together. Press into a cheesecake pan.

Batter:

- 4 eggs
- 1 C. Vermont Grade A Dark Maple Syrup
- 24 oz. cream cheese, softened.

Mix thoroughly and pour into prepared crust. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

