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## INVESTING IN CRIMPING TECHNOLOGY

**Crimped grain supplier and crimping contractor Andrew Longman, based in Ditcheat, Somerset is looking forward to providing farmers within his area with an even better service based on the latest of his continued investments in crimping technology.**

Andrew has consistently re-invested in his machinery since 2004, when he devoted his business to growing and supplying his home grown feed to other farmers as well as providing a crimping contracting and storage service to farmers growing their own feeds including cereals, pulses and grain maize. He has just upgraded his crimper to a Korte 2000 providing the capacity to crimp moist grain at 40 tonnes per hour. He is also among the early adopters of our integral weighing device, the new innovative on-board system that takes the guesswork out of the tonnage being processed or the crop yield. Now farmers and contractors can have access to precise information on every batch of grain processed.

The key strength of the system lies in the fact that it is not necessary to suspend grain processing while the hopper is replenished, enabling an entire batch of grain to be processed without interruption. Exhaustive trialling across a range of cereals has shown consistent accuracy to within  $\pm 1\%$  of actual weighbridge checks.

Many of Andrew's customers have been benefiting for some years from the early and longer harvesting period afforded from crimping moist grain treated with Crimpstore 2000S.

"Crimping and the added value of applying Crimpstore 2000S by a pump applicator through the Korte 2000 just makes economic sense", comments Andrew.



Crimpstore 2000S works by directly acidifying the crimped grain, thus minimising the amount of valuable rumen nutrients that could be lost in a poorly controlled fermentation. The formula is designed to give maximum protection against spoilage organisms that could cause deterioration of the feed once the clamp or bag is opened at feedout. Andrew also adds: "Since Crimpstore 2000S is non-corrosive, farmers and contractors can reap the rewards of using a totally reliable preservative without any risk to their machinery".

To complete the service, Andrew offers farmers who lack suitable clamp storage a bagging service. He explains: "The bagger filled directly from my Korte 2000 allows high output grain processing and storage in one seamless operation."

*Above: View of rear jack legs and load cells, part of the integral on-board weighing system now available for Korte crimpers.*

*Below: David Warner from Kelvin Cave Ltd (left) and grain producer and contractor Andrew Longman alongside his Korte 2000 with on-board weighing system and integrated bagger.*

