



WHY YOU WOULD NOT NEED A HORIZONTAL FEED MIXER

Customers reach out to us every day about buying a reliable horizontal feed mixer to help them feed their herds. After listening to their unique needs and how they run their operations, the answer that we give to many of our customer often surprises them. A vertical feed mixer, actually, would be a better fit their needs due to its larger capacity requirements.

Many manufacturers preach a certain type of mixer as best...because they only build one type! In reality, there are no universal solutions to fit every herd. That is why at Kirby Manufacturing, we build many types of machines - because no two cattle feeding operations function the same. If a customer comes to us to buy a horizontal mixer and they have a large cattle operation, we typically advise them to look into our vertical mixers. **Our reason is straight forward: we want to help farmers get more done in less time.**

While horizontal mixers have amazing mixing capabilities, they are often not as efficient as vertical mixers when it comes to larger TMRs. A key component to a vertical mixer's efficiency lies in the cut design.

Essentially an all in one feeding system, each Kirby Vertical Mixer is designed to slash through any and every feed type with speed. If your TMR contains unprocessed hay or rough forages, a vertical mixer and its ability to cut through high roughage, round or square bales make it an ideal feeding solution.

Our massive augers with their self-sharpening knives can handle not only all types of forages but also commodities of any type - boosting your herd's nutrition. A second key component to a vertical mixer's efficiency is having a higher capacity than a horizontal - which is a big advantage for a larger dairy. The build style of a horizontal mixer is simply cost-prohibitive in capacities beyond 1200 cu. ft. For a vertical mixer, this equates to less time spent mixing and more time spent evenly feeding out in your pens.

Kirby Vertical Mixers also come with an optional variable speed drive to allow for maximum efficiency and fuel savings. The high gear allows for auger cleanout and hay processing while the low gear helps the tractor/truck run with ease when more torque is demanded. When our vertical mixers are kept on a routine maintenance schedule, their mixing capabilities rival that of their horizontal mixer counterparts.

To join our worry-free maintenance program and never have to worry about when to replace your mixer parts, [click here](#). Available in both trailer and truck mounted-we have a large variety of options to fit any size of operation. Our LP line ranges from 800 cu. ft. to 2000 cu. ft., and for smaller operations, our ELP line of compact twin verticals is a great option as well.

Let us know your unique needs, and we can build to suit. To get started, head over to Kirbymfg.com/contact.

Isn't it time you got more done in less time?