

## Thoughts from Pat Flynn on his Veda Hay Dryer!



Hay experts, Peter Robinson, Pat Flynn & Davide Verardi

**Pat Flynn** has been making hay for forty years. He established Ballingara Racing Stables in 1981 and prides himself on 593 winners, all weather and sand gallops, 2 automatic horse walkers, 110 stables, 150 acres and an advanced hay drying machine for making perfect hay. Here's what Pat has to say about his Hay Dryer!

### **How did you first hear about the Hay Dryer and what convinced you to purchase it?**

I first came across on the internet because I was desperate to find something to help save hay in these conditions in Ireland. The way things are gone in Ireland now, it's very difficult to save hay. I was seeking something for a year and I came across this, and when I got in touch with the man in America, he told me Peter Robinson was the agent, so then I got in touch with Peter. It looked good to me and it had to work and it had worked with some people in America, it's the best thing ever!

### **How long have you had the machine?**

This year was my second year using it.

**How does it improve the quality of the hay or how does it compare to imported hay?**

You will have excellent quality of whatever hay you have. But it's up to you to have the top level quality hay growing. When you do that you will end up with top quality, excellent, well saved hay.

**What are the three biggest benefits of the Hay Dryer?**

First of all, its piece of mind that I know that I can save hay every year. It was actually stressful worrying about the weather conditions. Now, if we get a window of 3 or 4 days, we can save our hay, that's priceless. We have our hay saved without mold, and micro toxins for the horses and that's important. By saving the hay with this machine, you stop the heating process and the hay dries down to 10% straight off and you don't give micro toxins or mold a chance to start growing, so therefore, they don't get in to the hay. It's a wonderful feeling having good hay.

**Has the Hay Dryer provided any time or cost savings?**

I thought at first that the whole thing would be very costly initially, but this year most of the lads are buying their hay in from America and France. If I was to buy hay in from America, which I did before, it would be costing me way more. I am putting the hay in the shed here for one forth of the cost of what I would have paid for it from America.

**If you put together the time savings, the yields and the quality of the end product, how long do you think it will take for the investment to pay for itself?**

I reckon it will have paid for itself in less than four years.

**Would you recommend the Hay Dryer to anyone else?**

Of course I would!

**Do you have anything else you would like to add to help people understand the value of the Hay Dryer?**

It is a beautiful piece of equipment, it's very nice. It's easy to work and it's a must have if you are serious about the horse business and working these weather conditions in Ireland. I have years of experience making hay and this is the only answer. If you want to cut your hay in May, and you only have three days, there is no way you can save it Ireland, you have to have a machine. If you can't cut it in May, and the hay that was ready in May, has to be cut in June or July, the hay is gone bad. It's gone over ripe, its gone bad underneath, and you're caught either way. You're at the weathers mercy. I don't care what anyone says, you have to get 7 good days to cut hay the way we want it and that is a very big ask in Ireland. You also have to have blistering hot days to get the hay the way we want it.

This machine takes the guess work out and all the hoping for good weather. This makes you fearful. When you get the hay in to this machine, you know it's going to come out seriously well. When you get your hay as far as this machine, then you know you're safe. Your hay will be saved down to 10% moisture and it will be fantastic!

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