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Stocking Solutions

Animal feed suppliers Riverbank Stockfeeds delivers product to Victorian livestock farmers right around the state. With productivity in mind the company turned to Hamelex White to provide a B-Double tipper fitted with blowing equipment.

Starting up in 1997 with the intention of feeding its own livestock, Riverbank Stockfeeds soon made the move to sell its animal feed to other livestock farmers. Its first feed mill, located in Werribee in Melbourne's west, was built in 1996 to manufacture high energy rolled grain-based mash feeds, although these days it can manufacture both mash and palletised stockfeed.

The company's product range includes feed for dairy, sheep, beef, pig and poultry and being a family owned and operated business, Riverbank Stockfeeds places a large emphasis on closely responding to its customers' needs.

All up the fleet comprises 10 vehicles – a mixture of Hamelex White, Hercules and Convair pressure tankers. Traditionally, its tippers pick up the raw materials for manufacture while its pressure tankers deliver the finished product to its customers around Victoria.

"While this has worked well for us in the past, we wanted to increase our productivity and develop a solution that allowed us to utilise the equipment to its best. We worked closely with Hamelex White to come up with the ideal solution," explains Peter Bozzo, Managing Director of Riverbank Stockfeeds.

"We chose Hamelex White because we know from past experiences they manufacture a quality product and we have also found they are able to deliver the product quickly. They don't seem to have the long lead time that others do."

The two companies created a B-Double tipper that has the dual role of being able to pick up raw materials, as well as being used to deliver the finished product direct to the farms. Manufactured from aluminium to give extra payload, but with a steel chassis for strength, the B-Double was fitted with blowing equipment so that the drivers can deliver the product straight into the customer's silo.

"We went with a chassis tipper because some of the roads we deliver on are a little unstable, so we thought the chassis tipper would give us better insurance for our equipment," Peter explains.

"We have rotary seals at the back of each trailer where the feed enters before being blown into the silo."

Riverbank Stockfeeds is now setting about evaluating the design of this trailer but is so pleased with the results that Peter is already considering an order for his next one.



Above: The B-Double tipper was manufactured from aluminium to give extra payload, but with a steel chassis for strength.

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