

# RUMENX TESTIMONIAL

March 2010

Alec and Shona Rumble and Tracey and John Wheoki  
Topuni, Wellsford

## ***Talking to Denise Cochrane at Agrifeeds***

Alec purchased 50 bags of RumenX at the Hamilton Mystery Creek Fieldays 2009. Alec thought it would be good for Shona but that was quickly changed to Tracey (daughter) using it at the dairy farm her and John are on.

38 replacement heifers and 10 black and white face dairy beef animals were raised on RumenX at Topuni.

The programme was all new to Tracey and she started following the programme and trying to make sure she gave them just 2 litres of milk in the morning and 2 litres at night with RumenX. She does admit she might have given a bit more milk as she felt sorry for the calves. But when she saw they were eating the RumenX and doing well she did stop the extra milk and stuck to the programme.

Calving was certainly easier for Tracey. They were out of the sheds on week 6 and gone to the run off where Shona continued with the meal.

One comment Tracey said was "more cows calved; more calves left the shed "making her job easier. She loved the 6 weeks and they were gone to run off.

One lunch time Denise arrived to see calves and everyone and Alec told Denise "There is laughter in the house; you never have that at calving as everyone is tired and stressed".

Last October 2009 Wellsford had a huge storm of bad weather. Shona was really worried about the 6 week old calves that had just arrived. Surprise, surprise, she found them eating grass and not worrying about the terrible weather. If they were milk reared calves they would have been crying and huddled up in a corner trying to get out of the weather Shona said.

Shona also noted at 7 weeks they were eating lots of grass and she saw no crying. They were happy and contented.

## March 2010 Drought

Denise visited and saw the animals. Shona has commented to Alec that the RumenX is working as the animals are contented as they are just living on hay, paspalum and dust. The animals get moved for a change of scenery and they run to the paddock thinking they have some more to eat. Wrong. The animals look great with huge big rumens even when there is no grass for them.

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