

Have you ever seen the Rhone Mountains near Pratt?



# Cow Pie Contractor

If you have ever raised cattle, you know they aren't the cleanest animal to have around. "House-Broke" is a long way from describing their personal hygiene. Now picture raising 29,000 of them ... get the picture?

*Denny Rhone on their new Fiatallis FR15B. Wheel loader reliability is important in pen cleaning. Without it, the work just piles up. Rhone Trucking of Pratt has ALWAYS used Fiatallis loaders.*

Ted Rhone of Pratt deals with this situation everyday. He likes to refer to himself as the "cow pie contractor". Pratt Feeders has a capacity of 29,000 steers that have to be fed twice daily. But that's not Ted's job. His job starts after the cattle have been fed.

Ted is dealing with almost 450 tons of fresh manure each day that have to be hauled out of the pens and stockpiled for later use as fertilizer. It's these stockpiles that are often referred to as the "Rhone Mountains Near Pratt".

You can see why Ted and his pen cleaning crews can't miss a day. They have 275 pens that have to be periodically cleaned. The primary purpose of a feedlot is to fatten cattle and cattle eat more if they are kept in clean pens.

Ted and his crew of four work six days a week, often twelve hours a day, to keep up. The work horse behind their pen-cleaning operation is their Fiatallis wheel loaders. Through the years they have had a couple of Fiatallis 645's, a Fiatallis 545, and a Fiatallis FR15. They currently are using a new FR15B and a 745C. The 745C has been successfully operated for over 13,000 hours. Why Fiatallis? As Ted says, "Fiatallis is the best or I wouldn't have bought them. As far as I'm concerned every other loader on the market is a stockpile machine, but the Allis loaders are real excavating machines that are unequalled in their ability to pry up hard-packed material."

Sellers Tractor Company is proud of our association through the years with Ted Rhone and his company. We at Sellers realize to keep Ted happy we have to continue, as we've done in the past, offering him the best equipment possible, and just as important, the best product support. That is what we intend to do.



Ted Rhone, Rhone Trucking Pratt (Iuka), Kansas

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