

# Pelleted Chicken Litter Catching On Fast

Pelleted chicken litter fertilizes better than spreading litter raw. The easy-to-handle organic fertilizer from Herbruck's Poultry Ranch in Michigan is now being marketed from Massachusetts to Montana and south to Texas.

"We used to make compost and sell locally, then we started in-house drying of manure," explains Brian Geerlings, Herbruck's Poultry Ranch. "We started pelleting about 5 or 6 years ago after several years of experimenting. It's an easier form to handle and works in lime spreaders of all sizes and kinds."

The dehydrated, pelletized, poultry manure is plant friendly as well. It contains 80 lbs. of nitrogen (N) per ton. Additional N is available to growing plants because of stimulated microbial activity in the soil. Herbruck's estimates that 2/3 of the N min-

eralizes in the first year. It's also microbe friendly, which leads to healthier soils and plants.

"Customers like the improved crop performance compared to conventional fertilizers," says Geerlings.

The pellets also deliver phosphate and potash, as well as micronutrients like sulfur, magnesium, calcium and more. It's available in various sizes, from 50-lb. bags (\$260/40-bag pallet) to 1-ton super sacks (\$179), and bulk semi-loads (\$104/ton, plus freight).

Crumbled pellets sized similar to fertilizer granules are also available for use with conventional fertilizer spreaders, planter boxes and lawn spreaders.

"We sell a fair amount of pellets and crumbles to organic farmers," says Geerlings. "It's in high demand from grain producers and other growers."



Herbruck's Poultry Ranch says its dehydrated, pelletized poultry manure is plant friendly and easy to handle.

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## "Add-A-Valve"

The V&M Add-A-Valve plumbs into your tractor's existing hydraulic remote outlets. Now you have two outlets with a 15 gpm flow at a very low price.

The V&M Add-A-Valve can be mounted on your tractor or implement. You can "quick connect" to your tractor's remote hydraulic outlets if they are strong enough to support the extra weight - 5/16-in. holes are predrilled in the valve body for easy mounting on tractor or implement.

The V&M Add-A-Valve control grip is mounted on your hydraulic remote lever for easy one-handed operation. All you do is move the handle to direct flow on your primary outlet or depress button and direct flow for your secondary outlet.

The V&M Add-A-Valve works well for almost any hydraulic use. One-way Add-A-Valve's are also available. Takes just 30 min. to install.

New-style couplers are now available. Valves are available with or without couplers.

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## Super Add-A-Valve

V&M announces a new version of the Super Add-A-Valve.

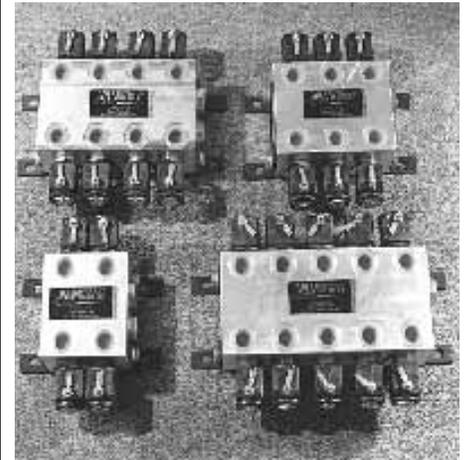
It flows up to 45 GPM and, with versions that take up to 5000 PSI, you can add extra functions to even more equipment. You don't have to have 40 GPM to work, though. The Super Add-A-Valve plumbs in between your hydraulic valve and cylinder to add an extra function to almost any system.

Grapple Forks, thumbs, and buckets are among the more common uses for this valve. It works anywhere you need an extra function up to the maximum flow ratings.

The Add-A-Valve is easy to use. The control clamps to the lever you move in the cab. Simply move the lever as before to use the original function. The "added" function works when you press a button down while moving the lever. The button is rated at up to 1 million cycles for long life.

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## SV Series Valves

The SV Series is a 6 to 8 gpm valve. It is available in a 2 through 8 bank valve. It works great for sprayers, hay equipment, blades, etc. The standard SV valve is designed with a check valve to keep your cylinder(s) from moving - even if your tractor's remote valve leaks.

The control handle mounts on your remote lever for easy one-handed control. With the unit's handle you can use multiple functions at the same time. The SV Series valve works on any tractor that has an existing hydraulic remote valve.

V&M also makes other valves with flows up to 40 gpm. If you have a need for extra outlets give V&M a call.

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