

## SAVED A DAY A WEEK

Ken Bryant spent just 15 minutes and less than \$100 to save more than an hour and a quarter a day, every day. That's a saving of more than a 'standard' working day each week.

With his partner Ann Hodgen, Ken manages Miami Jerseys, a 350-cow herd at Finley in NSW's Riverina district.

Ken ran the milking routine for their 50-unit rotary through the Milking Monitor Report on CowTime's website.

"The report showed very clearly that we were spending too much time bringing the cows in from the paddock and cleaning up after milking," said Ken.

The Milking Monitor motivated Ken to make some simple changes.

When it came to bringing the cows up to the dairy for the afternoon milking, he simply stopped following the cows home.

"Our original routine involved opening the paddock gate at lunch time and spending up to 45 minutes following the cows up to the feed pad. Just before milking, we'd go down to the feed pad and bring the cows home. These days we just open the gate at lunch time and let the cows wander up to the feed pad at their leisure," he said.



Ken Bryant and Ann Hodgins

The feed pad is close to the dairy so it's a quick task to bring the cows up to the shed from the feed pad. "By just not doing what we've always done, we've cut 45 minutes from our daily routine, and a lot of frustration," said Ken.

To shorten the time involved in yard wash up, a new nozzle (\$45) was purchased for the hose which is used before the flood washer.

"The new nozzle is so much better that I wonder why we put up with the old one for so long. We've bought another for the other yard hose. It saves 15 minutes every milking," he said.

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