



A Game-Changing Experience

504 Pro G4 Baler Customer Story ~ Steve Griffith, Ohio

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First impressions count, especially for dairy farmer Steve Griffith of Jefferson County, Ohio. Steve has been farming on his family's dairy operation for decades and has seen a lot of equipment come and go. The Vermeer 504 Pro G4 baler immediately stood out. "You can tell right away when something's built well," he says. "The attention to detail on this baler is impressive."

Steve had the opportunity to test the 504 Pro G4 before it hit production lines and it quickly became a standout in his equipment lineup. "I have been really pleased with the way it eats hay," he says. "It's a machine."

Standard in Silage

Steve's hay production cycle runs from May to October, depending on weather and crop availability. "We try to get approximately four to five cuttings of alfalfa, mixed with some orchard grass, for our silage hay," he says. "For grass hay, we get three cuttings, sometimes four if we're lucky."

Efficiency is a critical factor for any farmer, and the 504 Pro G4 delivers. "Getting a crop off the field in two days is a game-changer," Steve explains. The Vermeer Pro G4 Baler was engineered with versatility, durability and ease of use in mind to produce premium fodder for your animals.

Farmers are always racing the weather, especially in hay season and this baler has the versatility to handle both wet and dry hay. With this baler you do not have to wait on the weather. This saves time but also reduces the risk of weather damage to the crop, a constant concern for hay producers.

"We have easily switched from wet to dry hay and have had no issues," Steve says. "The baler handles the large wet windrows very well. We have very little plugging issues. The pickup head is aggressive, and the teeth are heavy. It just keeps going," he says. "The dealer actually made me plug it to show me the drop floor feature, and it was so easy and quick to unplug. You don't have to get out of the cab at all."

This ease of operation is thanks to the Atlas Pro™ control system in the Vermeer 504 Pro G4 baler. For Steve, this has been a game changer and one of his favorite features.

"The monitor is straightforward," he says.

"My son and I both use it, and he's a bit more tech-savvy than me, but I had no trouble getting the hang of it," Steve explains. "You can switch between functions, adjust bale size, control the knives and if you do happen to plug, you can drop the floor, turn the PTO back on, and the hay goes right in. It all can happen with a touch of a button."

Built to Last

The baler's robust design and innovative features make it exceptionally effective for silage. Its heavy-duty pickup system, aggressive teeth, and advanced rotor help efficiently handle wet, heavy windrows.

With the 504 Pro G4 you can choose your preferred cut length with the 17-knife chopping system. Select eight or nine knives from the Atlas Pro control system for a moderate cut length, all 17 knives for maximum processing, or lower both knife banks to bale without chopping.

"The knife system is very, very well designed," Steve explains. "Using all 17 knives is really nice when we put them in the mixer wagon to grind up for the milking herd. They'll be pretty much chopped up already, so it will save time."

Steve chooses his preferred length for better bale density, silage quality, feed mixing, and digestibility with the 17-knife chopping system.

"I like the fact that you can run zero knives or all 17. We have run pretty much all four." Steve says.

Durability is another key feature that sets the 504 Pro G4 apart.

"The silage bales are definitely heavier and harder on a baler, but this baler is definitely built heavier than any of the previous models that I've run," he says. "This baler is durable. Pickup, teeth, everything is built heavy. It's a heavy machine." Steve notes.

"I've run a lot of different equipment over the years, but this baler stands out," Steve says. After using the 504 Pro G4, Steve is convinced that it's a game-changer for any operator.

The Pro G4 Baler was built to work. This baler is ready to go whenever you need it whether to bale nutrient-dense silage or dry hay.

"I am kind of looking forward to seeing how long it lasts because I think it's built to last."