

Cubicle Bed from Peat Bed is a new and innovative bedding material for bedding cattle. It has been specially formulated for use in the dairy industry, particularly on cubicles.

The peat is harvested and screened to obtain the optimum particle size and then blended with a liming agent which ensures pH is neutral and keeps harmful bacteria at bay. Not only does **Cubicle Bed** ensure a clean, dry and comfortable cubicle for the animal, it also eliminates the need for the farmer to mix his bedding material with lime, saving time and effort.

Cubicle Bed will cause minimal problems in a slurry tank and when spread on land is the ideal soil conditioner.

Cubicle Bed is made from an ultra-fine, super dry peat which is blended with a liming agent. **Cubicle bed** is available for delivery in Ireland and the UK, in a range of packaging to suit the needs and budgets of farmers. We provide semibulk bags or bulk lorry loads.

Why use "Cubicle Bed"?

Keep the animal dry

Of all of the available bedding materials, peat has the highest absorbency factor with the ability to absorb up to 10 times its own weight. The Super Fine particle size of Cubicle Bed allows for maximum coverage in a cubicle shed thereby keeping the cows dry and comfortable.

> Keep the animal clean

Because of its high absorbency, the cows will therefore be cleaner, and this greatly reduces the bacterial count and potential for mastitis.

Maintain a healthy environment

The special formulation of Cubicle Bed, with a pH between 8.5 and 10, keeps the harmful bacteria count as low as possible. The highly absorbent peat keeps the animal dry and therefore cleaner.

Creature comfort

Cattle spend more than half their lives lying down. A dairy cow lies down and rises around 16 times every day, which means between 5 000 to 7 000 times in a year! The cushioning effect of Cubicle Bed helps to increase the level of comfort whilst reducing animal injuries and abrasions.

Cost effective

The peat is harvested during the summer months and stored under cover until required. Cubicle Bed is then manufactured on a large scale using its own dedicated screening, mixing and production line. Producing large volumes is key to reducing the cost per unit. Harte Peat also have a nationwide distribution network, using their own fleet of delivery trucks and distribution centres. This helps makes cubicle Bed the most cost effective material.

> Safe to use

Peat is a natural product with no toxins or contaminants. There is no risk of any foreign objects getting into the product, which may be harmful to animals. From a farmer's point of view, the product is very clean, dry and easy to handle and very easy to work with when spreading on cubicles.

> Easy to spread on land

Due to its very fine particle size, the peat remains suspended in the slurry when in a tank, therefore it is easy to extract from the tank and to spread on the land. With its high pH and soil conditioning characteristics, the use of Cubicle Bed adds value to the slurry for spreading on land.

Easily stored

Peat Bed comes in different bag sizes 1.0m3 bag, 2.0m3 bags or in bulk truck loads. These bags are easily stackable on pallets. The product will last for months in storage without any deterioration in quality.

