

Traditional fence posts a thing of the past

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Forget traditional fence posts. A new Kiwi company has come up with a concept it believes could take the farming world by storm. The Daveles Galvanised Steel Post eliminates the need to thread wire through post holes or the use of clips. The concept couldn't be simpler – a post made from long lasting galvanized steel with notches for the wire to slip into and then one dropper holding all the wires in place. The system is corrosion resistant making it long lasting and radically speeds up the fencing process.

It was in the early 2000s that Dave Quartly, an engineer by trade who grew up on a farm, and business partner Les Mitchell designed and built the machinery required to manufacture the post, finalised the design and started the design registration and patents process. The product was released to market around a year ago and has proved so popular it is already being exported to the United Kingdom.

The Daveles Galvanised Steel Post system is also environmentally friendly when compared to more traditional wooden posts as there is no opportunity for the leaching of dangerous timber treatment products into the ground.

Daveles Galvanised Steel Post is extremely safe in that only zinc coated steel contacts the soil – especially important with tightening environmental regulations on farms.

The Daveles Galvanised Steel Post can be used for new fencing as well as bolstering and repairing existing fencing. For example, one farmer has put Daveles Galvanised Steel Posts in-between his existing concrete fence posts to renew a fence quickly, economically and easily. This allowed for the installation of several kilometres of fencing in just a fraction of the usual time; no need to cut, re-thread the wires and re-strain the fence. This is especially important in times of disaster – such as a flood wiping out fencing – as stock can be secured more quickly.



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The product is proudly manufactured in Christchurch and the system can be customised to fit almost any spacing between wires and is ideal for 7 wire or netting fences.

Last year the Daveles Galvanised Steel Post was

nominated for the innovations awards at Fieldays and the company is looking forward to a busy season of shows and further developing its rapidly growing New Zealand distribution channels with more distributors sought.

While the first product release has been aimed at farmers the company is about to release a deer post and has a post for the wine industry in development as well as continuing to grow its presence in New Zealand and globally.



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