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The *real* dirt on the Yankees

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INDEPENDENCE TWP. — It's not just dirt. James Kelsey suggests calling it sports dirt.

Kelsey has been making sports dirt since the early '80s. His mixtures of clay, sand and silt end up on some Morris County school district baseball fields and another field — the one on which the New York Yankees will try to capture their 25th World Series title in the

Bronx.

Kelsey supplies infield, pitching mound and warning-track mixtures and other products to 20 major league teams — including the Yankees, New York Mets, Toronto Blue Jays, Montreal Expos, Pittsburgh Pirates and Philadelphia Phillies, to name a few.

His company, Partac Peat Corp., also supplies hundreds of minor league affiliates, colleges

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Asked why major league teams choose his dirt for their fields, James Kelsey says, 'We do a lot more processing.'