



PRECISE CONTROL, SAVINGS IN TIME AND LESS FEED WASTE

This year Jacob Bjerregaard has been using FarmManager with a feeding machine of another brand – it has been working without problem bringing savings in time and feed.

Jacob Bjerregaard manages a mink farm with 3.000 females in Skjern, supported by a Manager and an operator who works on a part-time basis. Since last year, when he purchased FarmManager, they have noticed less feed waste and considerable savings in time when it comes to the distribution of the feed.

– We have clearly gained a better control and saved lots of time thanks to FarmManager. At the same time, we avoid wasting the feed meant for females which would not eat it, because e.g. they have just given birth, says Jacob Bjerregaard.

The system is integrated with a feeding machine of another brand.

– In the beginning we needed to make a few phone calls, especially during the start-up phase as well as while introducing the settings. The system is installed on a feeding machine of another brand, yet it works beyond reproach, continues Jacob Bjerregaard.

Start-up before the puppy season

FarmManager has been introduced by the Manager Claus Thyrsted Kirk, just before the last puppy season.

– It was a bit unpredictable when we used it for the first time, but after I had registered the first row, it went really easy, says Claus Thyrsted Kirk.

He is especially fond of the attached growth curves and the precise control which the device guarantees.

– It is a first-class device to work with, especially during the puppy season. It is easy to enter data into it, like e.g. the one that females had puppies.

Afterwards the mink are fed as planned, according to the curve. We don't need to bother wondering whether they got too little or too much, says Claus Thyrsted Kirk.

Jacob Bjerregaard adds:

– The system is much more reliable than we are. Imagine you have 9.000 cage rooms to deliver the feed to; it is hard to assess the amount precisely, but with FarmManager we succeed each time.

Made for mink breeders

After the first season with FarmManager it is too early to compare the statistics regarding the size of the mink or the amount of feed. However, there are already first signs of the effects of the new system.

– It seems like the mink are more uniform now. We don't see such great variations in size, says Jacob Bjerregaard.

With the portioning system it was difficult to estimate how much feed should be given, only according to the number of puppies that were in the cage.

– We feed very precisely with FarmManager. If we see a sign of illness or a dead mink, we can easily register that in the system so that we get an overview showing statistics and numbers, later on. At the same time the system is easy to work with and thinks a little like a farmer, concludes Jacob Bjerregaard.

