

THE PELTING CENTER WILL BENEFIT FROM THE ECONOMIES OF SCALE

In the upcoming season Sydvestjysk Pelting Center in Varde will process 900,000 of mink and will focus on optimising their collaboration with Jasopels.

It looks like Sydvestjysk Pelting Center is catching the ball on the fly after their start-up in 2013. This season they have already processed around 600,000 mink, and in the next season the center is planning to skin and process even 900,000.

– Next season we are going to skin approximately 35,000 mink daily. Around 7,800 of them will be transferred for further processing and the rest will be frozen – says Christian Winther, Director of Sydvestjysk Pelting Center.

The skin processing centre is located in a former dairy, in the suburbs of Varde. It has the area of 10,000 m².

– The conditions we work in are actually perfect. We have a large storage capacity and we may get very well organised in terms of logistics. Thanks to this we can minimise our problems related to e.g. the reloading process. This results in effective work connected with high quality, adds Christian Winther.

Jasopels as the main supplier

After opening the facility in 2013, Jasopels became a main supplier of machines and equipment for the centre. In the upcoming season the supplies will include, among others, 11 skinning lines, 5 body drums, 5 fleshing lines, 5 leather side drums, 250 Maxi trolleys with Easy Off boards, 6-8 pinning lines and 2 skin cleaners.

– We are continuously cooperating with Jasopels, aiming at further optimisation of our production process. We can use the thorough knowledge that Jasopels have about their machines, whereas

we have great experience in production. Thanks to this combination we may constantly develop the quality of our products, states Christian Winther.

One of the advantages coming from such a close collaboration is the possibility to achieve results very fast.

– It's a bit like sailing. If we change something, we see the result immediately. Our actions bring fast effects, which for me is very positive, reports Christian Winther who previously was Factory Director at Velux and Vestas.

The eldest teach and manage the quality

A great part of the employees working at the center are season workers from the Baltic Countries.

– During the peak period we employ even 150 workers. Most of them are from Latvia, and they temporarily leave their jobs in the home country, e.g. in the public sector, says Christian Winther.

In order to guarantee the skin quality and effective trainings, Sydvestjysk Pelting Center has concluded a contract with former mink breeders.

– We can be proud of the fruitful cooperation with a group of ranchers who take part in the quality management process. They participate in training new employees, mostly in the skinning procedure. At the same time, they are responsible for controlling the production chain and recording everything – thanks to it we may monitor the skins and control the quality, Christian Winther explains and adds:

– Most of all we must stay concentrated on the quality. Later on we may focus on the optimisation within particular stages – we must remember that everything needs to be done step by step.

