

# EASY LAUNCHING A NEW PELTING CENTER WITH JASOPELS PELTING LINE

**In 2015 Kenneth Dalentoft inaugurated his own pelting center with Jasopels pelting line, which had a smooth start despite new employees and new facilities.**

A steadily increasing production made Kenneth Dalentoft from Skærlund Mink i/s establish his own pelting center for season 2015. Right now he has 4.500 females in six different color types. During the first season 23.500 mink were pelted, and that number should soon increase to 28.000.

– Given the fact that everything was new, I can say that it went easier than expected. We had some start-up difficulties and during the first days we only pelted 1.200 – 1.300 mink daily. I thought ‘this here is gonna be tough’, but after 3-4 days we reached the level of about 1.800 – 2.300, says Kenneth Dalentoft.

In his opinion, the success is grounded in a number of factors, such as well-trained employees and a pelting line, which turned out to be stable and easy to work with.

## **Simplicity that can be expanded**

In the pelting center there are 10 employees, who work six days a week. The majority of them had never work in the pelting center before.

– What we had in common though, was the fact that all of us had taken part in the training organized by Jasopels, so we were prepared. It also meant that it was easier for us to overcome those difficulties we came across, and usually we needed only phone support, says Kenneth Dalentoft.

The pelting center consists of Jasopels Fleshing Automat T6, Jasopels Body Drum, Jasopels Slicing Machine T4 XL, Jasopels MaxiHook T5, Jasopels Skinning Machine T4 XL, Jasopels Skin Drum, Jasopels Wrap Machine T5 Maxi Stretch and Jasopels Skin Cleaning Automat T5. Additionally, there are skin moving system and sawdust transport system. For Kenneth Dalentoft the important thing was the combination of high capacity with low risk.

– The crucial thing for me is not to pelt the high number of mink, but to take as many as it is possible while maintaining the high quality.

– That is why we picked up those machines. There are many different machines available on the market, but Jasopels pelting line



fits well with the way we work; it is easy and cheap to expand, explains Kenneth Dalentoft.

## **Help with designing**

From the very beginning Kenneth Dalentoft was convinced that it was Jasopels that should deliver the pelting line.

– I received a great deal of support from Jasopels during the design phase. They came up with a concept proposal of how the machines should be arranged and, after a few small adjustments, this project was carried out, he says.

One of the advantages of building from a scratch was that many details could be thought over before the project was put into life.

– It means that we were able to arrange everything in the most efficient way possible. From the moment the animals arrive at the pelting center we have a smooth flow so ways are not being crossed. The only place where it happens is the point where the skins are being packed and leave the room, emphasizes Kenneth Dalentoft.

The start-up phase coincided with the beginning of the high season, and at this point a praise must be given to the service team.

– A service technician came a couple of times during the season, but otherwise we were able to cope with the smaller issues over the phone. It helped a lot that we took part in the training because many problems could be solved over the phone, concludes Kenneth Dalentoft.

