



JASOPELS PELTING LINE

It's well known that errors in the pelting process make the subsequent processing steps harder. So it's essential to eliminate as many of these errors as possible. A pelting line consisting of Jasopels machines – a Slicing Machine T4, two MaxiHooks, and two Skinning Towers – makes it easy to maintain the highest level of care at every stage. "Before, our production was about 5000 pieces daily. Now it's at least 7000," says Loes Janssen from Janssen Farming Group.

You decided to replace the whole pelting line at once with Jasopels machines, a Slicing Machine T4 XL, a MaxiHook, and a Skinning Tower. This stage of the production process demands great precision. How is the new line working out?

At every stage of the pelting process there can be errors which cost a lot later. It's important to eliminate as many of these errors as possible. The most important aspect is precise cuts, like the kind that the Jasopels machine makes. Our previous machines didn't make cuts as precisely or quickly every time. One big advantage of the MaxiHook is how efficiently and smoothly it is loosening the hind legs. Our operators also like the new Skinning Tower because it is very "clean" in use.

Replacing the whole line must have been costly. Why did you decide to make such a serious investment?

We wanted to see how the whole pelting line worked. It wasn't a problem to do that here at our place, because Jasopels let us test the equipment. We wanted our production to be more efficient, and that's exactly what happened thanks to Jasopels.

How much has your efficiency increased?

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Do you work exclusively on Jasopels machines?

No, not exclusively. Currently, we have one pelting line from Jasopels, and the rest of the machinery from another manufacturer. But our operators prefer to work on the Jasopels machines. It's easier and safer for them. All of the machines are highly computerised. That's probably the best recommendation.

How many people does it take to operate the whole line?

We need five people to operate the line. If we had chosen a Robot, we could probably do it with one person. But in order to use the Robot, you need to undergo several days of training. With a line, the operators only need a few hours to learn everything.

You have to know all facets of the business. How do you manage with the machines? Are they hard to handle?

The machines, especially the ones from Jasopels, are getting bigger, faster, and more computerised. When we need help, a service person from Jasopels comes and hooks up a laptop to the machine – it's amazing! Mastering the machine itself is quick and easy.

You already have some experience working with the line. Have you got any tips for other breeders?

In the case of the MaxiHook, you have to remember to adjust the force to a given animal, because each one is a little different. That's all.