

JASOPELS WRAP MACHINE T5 MAXI STRETCH

Optimal stretching of skins allows the breeder to obtain a larger pelt, automatically raising its value. – It's often a matter of a centimetre or two – stresses Artur Andrzejewski, manager of a mink farm owned by Bono Fur Farm. And it's hard not to agree with him. Bono Fur Farm's products are top-shelf, and as the only farm in Poland to do so, it sells genetic material to Denmark.

Judging by the number of trophies in the office, Bono Fur Farm has been in business for some time. How did it all start?

We started our first breeding facility in 2004. It was an idea cooked up by Mariusz Konieczny and Robert Mieleńczuk. With time, the next facilities came along. Now we've got four farms in total in different locations around the Western Pomeranian district.

What's the secret of your success?

Since the beginning, we've focused on quality. When Mariusz and Robert were setting up their first facility, they drew heavily on the experience of American and Danish breeders. For this reason and others, and because they set the bar so high for themselves, the level of fur production in the entire country was raised. At present, Poland is among the international leaders in the production of high-quality mink pelts, and Bono Fur Farm is the only manufacturer in Poland that sends genetic material to Denmark. Usually, things go the other way.

Have you been working on Jasopels machines for long?

We got involved with Jasopels about three years ago. At that time, we made our first test-runs on the latest WRAP stretching machines at the time. The issue came up again when we started looking at modernisation.

Throughout last season you used the latest Jasopels WRAP Maxi Stretch machine. What are your impressions?

The skins are stretched perfectly. The tension is definitely better than on our previous machines. There's a huge difference.

Buying a new stretching machine is a big expense. When will your investment return?

If the skin is perfectly stretched, we can obtain more size, which automatically begins to pay off the investment. It's often a matter of a centimetre or two. If the machine is capable of stretching the skin to the limit of a size class, but not of crossing into the next class, there's no point. With the number of skins that we process, this starts to add up quickly.

Are there losses with the WRAP Maxi Stretch?

Regardless of the machine, there will always be some losses. Every material, in this case skin, has its limits. The amount of damage done is often a matter of greediness or lack of experience on the part of the operator, but with the WRAP Maxi Stretch there are significantly fewer losses than with other machines.

