

# NEW JASOPELS BOARDS CAROUSEL OPTIMIZES PINNING AND REDUCES MAN-HOURS

**Sydvestjysk Pelting Centre in last season produced 760.000 skins with a focus on optimizing costs, time and quality.**

The Centre increased its number of machines and added more focus on workflow and quality.

– Above all, we have increased the number of skins. In previous seasons we skinned around 25.000 mink a day, this year we went up to about 40.000.

– Before all the final processes such as stretching, drying and packaging, we now produce between 10.000 and 10.600 a day. Last year we produced 5.000-5.600 skins a day, says Christian Winther, director of Sydvestjysk Pelting Centre.

The number of skins processed last season was 580.000. This figure rose to 760.000 skins this year.

– We have hoped to make between 800.000 and 900.000 skins, but more mink than expected were sold for breeding this season, Christian Winther explains.

### **Carousel in the pinningboard room**

In the skinning area we went from 7 to 11 skinning lines, once Jasopels became our machine supplier. Along with the increased volume of pelts in the fur season we also experienced a need for significantly more employees.

– It's been really hectic. We have gone from 130 to 180 employees, half of whom are new. Part of the increased number of skins is handled by the employees working in two shifts, so now we use our machines more intensively, Christian Winther explains.

One of the places that has changed most is the pinning room, which has really changed a lot.

– We have maintained the number of wrap machines there, but together with Jasopels we have built a carousel system, just using the conveyors. The boards and the skins are at all times ready for the operator of the wrap machine.

– It has both increased the flow and saved the work of some employees, emphasizes Christian Winther, who has also increased the number of boards and trolleys to accommodate the increased flow of skins.

### **Optimisation and quality assurance**

With 180 employees who to varying degrees are familiar with working in a pelting centre, Sydvestjysk Pelting Centre has maintained all its senior employees who train the new ones and ensure quality.

– The quality has generally progressed well. Besides the work of our employees, we owe it to the optimized part of our fleshing. Just this area has given a boost to the number of skins later in the process, Christian Winther highlights.

Also in the further parts of the process more quality has been achieved.

– We have also optimized the workflow by the leather side drum after fleshing, so there is enough sawdust after five minutes' tumbling followed by a seven minutes' tumbling with leather cleaner. Overall, we see an improvement in our quality compared with the previous season, Christian Winther emphasizes.

