

## How to earn € 0.50 more per layer

***SKOV is the international market leader in ventilation and farm management for animal production. The company is launching a new climate and farm management system for layers in conjunction with the VIV EU 2018.***

From a global perspective, eggs are one of the main sources of protein and there is an increasing focus on optimising productivity and ensuring the well-being of the layers.

The optimum temperature for the layers is between 20 and 26°C. These conditions allow them to make the best use of feed and water to produce eggs.

“The annual profit in a correctly ventilated livestock house with 50,000 animals can be approx € 0.50 higher per layer as compared to a livestock house where the temperature is not kept within the optimal range”, says Niels Henrik Lundgaard, Product Manager, SKOV A/S.

SKOV tailors the ventilation solution, no matter if the production is a cage or a non-cage system.

“The ventilation has a significant impact, especially on non-cage production. Layers can move around in the livestock house and look for areas where the climate is optimal”, adds Niels Henrik.

This increases the heat production and puts pressure on the litter and nest areas, as well as on the water and feed system. Thus, it’s important that climate is uniform in the entire livestock house under all conditions!

“In hot areas, where tunnel ventilation is applied, BlueFan gable fans from SKOV ensure that you can build an extra-long livestock house for production of eggs in cage systems. This is due to the extraordinary pressure stability of the BlueFan. In regard to the investment, longer livestock houses would often be preferable”, says Niels Henrik.

SKOV's climate controller includes production modules tailored for layers with functions that enable systematic monitoring and effective control of the production.

“The information is collected together with the climate data in the controller and the farm management system FarmOnline® and provides a well-founded assessment of the productivity of the livestock house”, says Niels Henrik.

Egg producers, who own several farms, can access FarmOnline data across farms and get a complete overview of their farms and thus enable further development of the business.

“The owner will be able to compare essential production data across the individual houses and farms and concentrate his efforts on the houses and farms where productivity improvements are required”, concludes Niels Henrik.

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