



Sholder got a new stable in just four days

At Niels Jensen, a good interior design solution has provided more seats and better heat. And then the renovation was done in less than one week.

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Only downside is a narrow hallway behind son.

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Niels Jensen had two identical running departments. One was built in 1995. The other was built in 1997 by mirroring the previous construction.

One day consultant Anders Andersen, LMO (today Velas) was visiting, he proposed to arrange the running stable differently, so that there was room for more lakes and a corridor in front of the lakes, so that the boar contact could remain better.

"The original running area was set up for a larger herd of boars than the one we run with today", explains Niels Jensen.

There were two rows of sows in boxes, and in front of the sows there were paths for boars or colts.

The interior required a lot of space, and there was no longer a need for so many boar pens. The arrangement that Anders Andersen proposed was based on a more modern way of inseminating sows, where the sows first

is presented to the boar in connection with the run.

"Anders Andersen could see that we could have both a better estrus and more waste places with a different layout," says Niels Jensen.

When they measured the barn, it even turned out that the existing beds and slots were suitable for an arrangement with three rows of sows and room for the boar to be moved in front of the sows as the insemination progressed.

He got a new stable in just four days. This meant that there was only a need for new fixtures and cribs, but no need to touch either slots or bearings.

The LMO subsequently made a more precise layout plan for the new running department. With it in hand, Niels Jensen got an offer from Vissing Agro for fixtures and wet feed cribs, while the wet feeding system itself and valves could be reused.



Fjeldsted Bakkegård

- Niels Jensen.
- 880 søer med smågrise til 30 kg.
- Løbeafdeling nyindrettet med henblik på bedre pladsudnyttelse og bedre brunst ved insemineringer.



The old running department continues to function. The inner the old the running department (and new photo for below) is identical.

FAST RENOVATION

When the furniture was delivered, Niels Jensen could plan the renovation. As the running department is the crank in production, it was important that the renovation proceeded quickly. And it did.

"We moved out the old furniture and set up the new one in just four days", says Niels Jensen.

It could only be done so quickly because the floor, slits and wet feeding system did not have to be changed.

Now the running section is equipped with three rows of sow boxes with a total of 43 sow places and a corridor for the boar in front.

At the same time as the installation of the new fixtures, LED lights were installed above all cribs. The boar is at the same time moved out of the running department for everyday life and only comes to visit in connection with estrus stimulation and the runs themselves.

BETTER RESULTS

The changes have had a significant impact on the results.

"We have had a stronger estrus, a jump in live births and faster inseminations," says Niels Jensen.

In fact, the sows are so good at showing heat that it takes three men to manage the inseminations. Though the boar stands at one end of the row, sows at the other end can easily show standing breasts.

"Two men follow the boar in separate rows. The third takes the sows that come into heat without the boar in front of them", explains Niels Jensen.

A weekly team consists of 40 to 44 sows and gilts in the herd. The effect on live births was evident four to five months after the running department had been put into use.

Now the herd stands at 19.7 total births, based on own pens with Kernestyling.

PIGLETS The

piglets stay in the herd until they weigh 12 to 13 kg. They are then moved to a barn 10 km away, where Niels Jensen drives over daily and looks after them.

The division of the piglets on two properties is a good solution. They are on the lake property during the period when they require the most supervision. After 12 to 13 kg, there are rarely major problems with them, and they can be satisfied with less supervision.

"I no longer have fixed tasks in the sow team, where Vivi, as operations manager, is responsible", says Niels Jensen.

The operations manager does not work full-time, as she would like to be able to pick up and bring her children to the institution.

"It works fine with an operations manager 30 hours a week," he says.

Niels Jensen believes that many pig producers should actively offer part-time jobs.

"Many women opt out of the profession if we only have full-time jobs. We have to change that," says Niels Jensen based on his own positive experiences.



The new running department is furnished with a going to boars in front of the lakes. It gets one good heat.