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France: BioAktiv Makes the Moins France's Best Kid Meat Producer



A tunnel shed (right) in the Moins' farm in Lamastre, southern France.

Sàrl B.E.S., the BioAktiv distributor in France, reported in 2007 that after using BioAktiv the Moins family's goat farm had become France's best kid meat producer. The use of BioAktiv had raised the class of kid meat they produced from 64.5 points to 66.5 points. Besides earning better reputation, the Moins also earned \leq 3.50 extra profit for each point increase.

The Moins family raised 10,000 kids in four tunnel sheds in Lamastre, a commune in southern France. As feed, the farm used 100 tonnes of in-house dehydrated milk powder. They started with one- to five-day-old kids with an average weight of 3 kg and raised them to about 10 kg for sale. On the first day the kids arrived at the farm, they fed each kid 1.5 g BioAktiv to save them from stress and diarrhea. On every Wednesday and Sunday, they mixed by hand their milk powder with 0.5 g BioAktiv per kid before pouring the mixture into the milk dispenser to feed the kids.



No more odour in the sheds and calmer kids.

After using BioAktiv, the farm found that there was no bad odour in the sheds as well as in the urine and manure of the kids. They had not used any antibiotics on the kids for two years. The kids were much clarmer. Mortality dropped from 5.4% to 2.6%. Despite the time in shed shortened by an 2.7 days on average, the kids sold had an avergage weight of 11 kg which were 1.3 kg heavier than those before. The kid meat class rose from 64.5 points to 66.5 points bringing €3.50 extra profit per point increase and making the Moins the best among the 53 kid meat producers in France.

Besides getting more profit, using BioAktiv also saved the farm cost. They used 42 tonnes of straw, at €78 per tonne, instead of 54 tonnes as before. With BioAktiv, the straw and manure also produced higher quality compost without odour throughout the five-month process. In addition, with much less work stress, the farm personnel gained in quality of life. They also gained a healthier working environment with no ammonia emissions and much calmer kids around.



Material without BioAktiv

Compost with BioAktiv

High quality compost by BioAktiv

The farm manager remarked, "The product BioAktiv is very expensive to buy, but perhaps not to[o] expensive enough for the results."

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