

CHANGING YOUR DAIRY CATTLE CUBICLES TO IMPROVE WORKING CONDITIONS



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Straw on slab cubicles

- 290 hectares of usable agricultural surface
- 150 dairy cows
- One 400 slots pig fattening unit
- 170 hectares of marketable crop
- 2 milking robots
- Cow-stable built in 1997, expended in 2007

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Slatted mattress cubicles

- 3 associates et 1 apprentice
- Livestock of a 150 Montbéliardes
- 1.6 Million liters of milk produced per year
- 3 milking robots
- Cow-stable built in 2013
- 1st of the Top Liste PLM with 873 Kg of Valuable matter



Why change your cubicle housing ?

« in 2022, our freestable cubicles getting worn out, out of date, and the cow build having progressively changed, we were compelled to renew our equipment. Our first interest was drawn towards soft stall. But after we'd exchanged with the SEENOVIA consultant, we heard of the OMEGA ANIMAL stalls. We followed his advice and visited a dairy farm close to our own which had equipped itself with these contraptions. We very much were convinced by the animals apparent well-being while standing up and ruminating and the ease with which they could move from the lay down position to a stand up one. We right away understood that the apparatus was thought up having in mind the natural movement of the cows. »

Vincent— GAEC DES HORIZONS





Changing cubicles, ... to what purpose?

« Our cubicles no longer fitted our needs, we wanted to improve the bedding maintenance time and lower their sanitary impact on a small number of our livestock. »

Serge — GAEC DES VAREILLES



Technical information !

The occupancy rate of the cubicles shall vary according to multiple factors:

- The cubicle bed's size
- The uniformity and consistency of the bedding surface
- Exposure to air current
- Device acclimation period (changes in routines)
- The quality of the diet
(fecal structure consistency and kidney pains in the lombar region)

Nicolas FOURNIER

Meeting with OMEGA ANIMAL

« The initial contact with Nicolas was over the phone; he then came over on the location of the farm to clarify the working context. »

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« We met with Nicolas in 2020 and 2022 at the « Sommet de l'élevage de Clermont Ferrand ». I fell for its OMEGA cubicles straight away. »

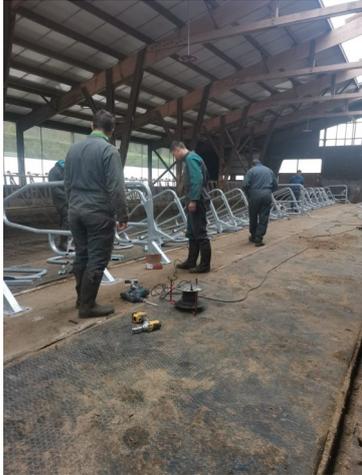
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Cubicles set up and assistance



« The 55 cubicles set up took 6 persons a day's work, given the fact that we had to unmount and dispose of the old ones. Nicolas' guidance through the whole process was very valuable »

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« It took between 5 and 6 people and two days to completely replace the entire set of cubicles »

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THE POSITIVE EFFECTS !



« Now we have cleaner beddings and increase comfort for the cows, not to forget a significant cost reduction in straw flour. »

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« We were happily surprised by the multiple positive effects of the OMEGA cubicles:

- The animals adaptation speed
- All the build types of the livestock quickly felt comfortable
- A better alignment to the bedding
- A more natural and smooth movement while standing up
- Joints are much less strained (weight bearing joints: stifles, hocks)

A great detail for livestock farmers is that they can move around freely without bending over and access to the straw for cleaning and maintenance is increased! »